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The Rice Controller announces that as from May 18 the retail price of ration rice will be reduced from 44 cents to 40 cents per catty.

This has been made possible by arrangements whereby Hong Kong has received a larger proportion of its international allocation than expected from the cheaper sources.

It is not possible to forecast how long this price can be maintained as allocations for the second half of the year have not yet been decided, but with stocks on hand and en route there should be no difficulty in maintaining it for at least four months.

As from the same date, the rice ration will be temporarily increased from 1½ to 1¾ catties per five-day period and the flour ration correspondingly reduced from 1 to ¾ catty per period.

On the basis of current stocks and shipments, it is estimated that the rice ration can be kept at this level for a minimum period of three months. Thereafter the ration will depend on the future allocations by the International Emergency Food Council.

Wang Ching-wei's Approach To Japs

Tokyo, May 15. The late Wang Ching-wei, president of China under Japanese occupation, proposed the establishment of a new Chinese Government with himself as the head in a conversation with the then Premier, Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, on June 10, 1939, a Japanese witness told the International Military Tribunal for the Far East here today.

Wang's conversations with key Japanese leaders, including Hiranuma, and the then War Minister, Seishiro Itagaki, both among the defendants on trial on war crimes charges, were related by Tozo Shimizu, an interpreter for the Japanese Foreign Office, who was called from China especially for the occasion.

Shimizu said that Wang—who fled to Japan after several attempts were made on his life in China and died near Nagoya in 1944—told Hiranuma that Japan had three alternatives in settling the war with China.

Firstly, break off negotiations with Chiang Kai-shek and deal with the "intelligent people out of office."

Secondly, negotiate directly with Chiang Kai-shek. Thirdly, deal with all people of every quarters who want peace between China and Japan, regardless of whether they are members of the Nationalist Government or non-government men, and irrespective of party or group.

Mediation Offer

In the event of the first being approved, Shimizu quoted Wang as saying: Wang would not be able to make a public stand but would help "behind the scenes." In the second case, Wang offered to mediate between Chiang and the Japanese. "And if the third measure is adopted I should like to directly embark into a peace movement myself and become its central figure."

Shimizu quoted Hiranuma as encouraging Wang but remarking: "This is a problem for China." He said Itagaki approved the establishment of a new government by Wang and they discussed the use of a flag similar to that of the Nationalists but with "Peace and Anti-Communism" inscribed on it. He said Wang also interviewed the late Prince Fumimaro Konoye, a suicide

STUDENTS STORM MINISTRY Disorderly Scenes At Education Yuan In Nanking Shanghai Strike Spreading

Nanking, May 15. More than 3,000 striking students of Government universities, as a result of an eight-hour demonstration today, during which cries of "why not stop the civil war" were raised, won an assurance from the Vice-Premier, Mr. Wang Yun-wu, that their demands for an increased subsidy will be brought before the Executive Yuan at its next meeting.

Arriving at the Yuan, where they pasted slogans and cartoons on the walls, the students shouted for Premier Chang Chun and at first refused to accept the vice-premier as his representative. When Mr. Wang finally addressed them, he stated, firstly that he will be personally responsible for presenting their demands to the Executive Yuan at its session next Tuesday.

Secondly, he will recommend and personally support arrangements for granting the students a half-month advance of living allowance which will amount to

CN\$24,000 and one picul of rice.

Funds used in the Central University mess for the purchase of supplementary rations were exhausted yesterday and beginning today, the students went on a diet consisting only of rice. When the students shouted that the word of the government officials could not be trusted and insisted that the vice-premier sign a statement embodying his two promises, Mr. Wang Yun-wu walked out.

The students refused to leave the Executive Yuan, sitting on the pavements before the building for the entire afternoon while their leaders negotiated with government officials. Vice-Premier Wang appeared before them for the second time and reported that he could make no further concessions.

Doors Broken

The demonstration then dispersed after scheduling a meeting for tonight to decide on the students' next move—whether or not they will continue their strike until the Executive Yuan meets.

Earlier in the day, the striking students stormed into the Ministry of Education building after breaking the glass doors at the entrance with their bare fists.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Chu Chin-lun, addressed the students for 50 minutes but failed to meet their demands. The students, who were from the National Central University, the National College of Dramatic Arts, the National Institute of Music and the College of Oriental Languages, carried banners; one written with a line from a Tang dynasty poem, which read: "From the gate of wealthy families wafts the heavy odour of (wasted) meat and wine; on the road before

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Bevin Sounds Fateful Warning Of Future

London, May 15. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin warned today that no one could prophesy the future course of the world if the next Foreign Ministers conference in November fails.

He told a crowded House of Commons that he regarded the November conference in London as "probably the most vital in the world's history."

Opening the two-day foreign affairs debate Mr. Bevin said: "As the result of the Moscow conference we know what we have to face at the next Council of Foreign Ministers."

"If it is unduly delayed, then the difficulties will get worse instead of better. If so many of these issues—Germany, Austria and, in addition, relations between East and West—have not been brought to a much more satisfactory conclusion in November get the London conference, no one can prophesy the course the world will take."

Most Vital

"I regard the London conference, with the issues clear before it, as probably the most vital in the world's history."

Mr. Bevin adopted a conciliatory attitude toward the rebel members of his party who have

SHANGHAI BUDGET DEFICIT

Shanghai, May 15. The City Government announced today that the Municipality is facing a deficit of CN\$3,200,000,000 (nearly US\$500,000 at blackmarket rate) in the budget of the current fiscal year.

Due to Government approval in an 85 per cent increase in salaries of civil servants. This follows the decision of the City Council in reducing the budget from CN\$500,000,000 to CN\$240,000,000,000.

—Associated Press.

Shanghai Ready For Trouble

Shanghai, May 15. Drastic measures to quell mob disturbances in Shanghai were adopted at an important meeting attended by officers of the Garrison Commander Headquarters, the Police Chief and top ranking officers of the Army, Navy and Air force detachments stationed in the city.

While details were not disclosed, it was believed that the authorities were prepared to proclaim martial law and ready to move mobile task forces to curb any fresh student and labour demonstration as well as riotous mobs.

It was reported that the police force has assigned a small but strong motorized unit to tackle any serious disturbance, including possible Communist raids.

While the city at present is quiet, minor strikes among students are going on and tension prevailed due to the unfavourable reaction among workers and employees whose basic pay is above CN\$30.

Almost all Chinese papers this morning editorially appealed to the educational authorities and student groups to avoid drastic steps and to help maintain peace and order.—United Press.

Nanking Peace Petition

Nanking, May 15. Nineteen legislators today presented a petition to Dr. Sun Fo, appealing for the immediate reopening of negotiations to bring to an end China's civil war and declaring strongly that the Government's announced plan of no peace until the main communications lines have been restored is needless.

Let by Mr. Chow Yi-chih, veteran member of the Legislative Yuan, and Vice-President of the Republic, Mr. Chow declared in an interview today: "It is no use to wait until communication has been restored before peace can be restored." Mr. Chow stated.

In the political programme signed when three parties entered the government this was one of the main conditions set down for rapprochement with the Communists. Mr. Chow said that the police for restoration of peace should in general follow the outline of the

Irgun Blows Up Trains

Jerusalem, May 15. Mines planted by the Jewish underground wrecked two Palestine trains today, killed two British officers, injured five others, damaged three bridges and disrupted transportation in the Holy Land.

Unexploded mines were discovered on railroads in the Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv areas, officials said, and the same sources said a large scale attack on the Palestine rail line had been timed on the assumption the UNO Assembly on Palestine would end last night. If such was the case, these sources said, the train bombings may be the forerunner of renewed large-scale violence here.

The two British officers perished when a mine exploded as a bomb disposal squad was trying to deal with it on a track near Acre, scene of the mass prison break 10 days ago. Two other officers and a sapper were injured, one of them seriously.

—Associated Press.

Army Camp Bombed

Jerusalem, May 15. Jewish extremists today hurled bombs into heavily-guarded Sarafand military base, east of Tel-Aviv, seriously wounding two British soldiers attending an open-air movie.

At the same time, anti-personnel mines exploded along the Haifa-Tel-Aviv road as extremists launched a new series of attacks in the triangle bounded by Haifa, Sarafand and Peta-Tiqa.

Official reports said two Jews were seized, with a "large" amount of arms and ammunition, including Sten guns and explosives, in South Haifa. Guards around Sarafand base were unaware that extremists had penetrated the defence perimeter until the bombs exploded.

The official report said the extremists were uniforms.—United Press.

"I Wound My Fingers Around Her Neck"

Aldershot, May 15. Frank Alexander Harris, 21 years old, went on trial on Wednesday accused of picking up a servant girl on Guildford railway station on April 24, boarding a train with her and murdering her before they reached the next station.

The prosecutor, E. G. Robey, said that two passengers saw Harris and the victim, Miss Sheila Purcell, aged 21, sprawled on the floor of a third class compartment. "What they actually had seen," he said, "was the crime being committed, unusual in a murder case."

Robey said that Harris made a statement to the police in which he claimed that he was indignant because another girl had failed to keep an appointment with him. He began to drink. Then Robey quoted Harris as saying: "I was getting wild by this

time. I decided to make someone suffer. On the station platform I saw a girl and said hello. She stopped and smiled and said she was going to Cambridge. We went into an empty carriage and I put my arm around her and we kissed and cuddled."

"My Darling"

"I wound my fingers around her neck, stroking her neck, and she said 'something—I think it was 'My Darling'—and I squeezed her neck. She did not struggle, I pulled her on the floor and I banged her head on the floor."

"She did not die, as I remembered I had a knife, so I held her mouth and I struck the knife into her neck, and I again struck it in, then I was arrested."

The court was told that Miss Purcell had been stabbed six times with a sharp knife.—Associated Press.

REPARATIONS FOR H.K.

Industrial plant and equipment valued at many thousands of pounds is expected to be delivered to Hong Kong from Japan within the next few months as part of the United Kingdom's reparation claim from that country.

The plant consists of laboratory equipment, machine tools, shipbuilding plant, thermal electric power plants, and certain chemical and heavy engineering plant. It will be sold here through the Government's Reparation Section according to the priority needs of local claimants at prices based on the present second-hand value of those materials. Proceeds of these Sale will be credited to a common reparations pool.

An official of the Reparations Section said yesterday: "This transaction should enable many concerns in the Colony which are still awaiting rehabilitation to get started at somewhat less

expense than if they had to wait for material purchased through normal commercial channels.

"Any industrial concern in Hong Kong requiring plant of a nature likely to be available in Japan and which sends a statement of its requirements to the Government will, in ten days' time, be represented by a team of technicians and officials who are leaving for Japan about May 26th to present the Colony's needs for a proportionate share of the plant. Other teams will be present at the conference to represent the various Allied nations that were concerned in the war against Japan."

Fair Bids

The allocation of this plant, said the official, is to be restricted to territories where losses of similar plant have been suffered and is for the primary purpose of facilitating industrial rehabilitation in these territories.

The submission of bids for plant will not commit applicants in any way pending the receipt of further information of conditions and suitability of the plant available from the team of representatives.

The official said yesterday: "As the requirements of Hong Kong will be considered by the Allied Allocating Authorities in Japan, in conjunction with other competing bids from other territories, however, it is important that bids should be fairly valued and should be restricted to items required to promote the further rehabilitation of the Colony."

FELL FROM FERRY

A 18-year-old female, who gave her name as Chan Lai, from Canton, fell off a Star Ferry boat crossing over to Kowloon from the lower deck

at about 8.30 last night. She was rescued by a seaman of the boat and taken to Kowloon Hospital.

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The Railway Authorities announced that on and from May 16, First and Second Class accommodation will be available on all local trains except the Rail bus.

Evidence Given By Germans

paid more than news broadcasters and the accused submitted a number of commentaries to the station expounding the Axis point of view, but his English was not considered good enough to put him on the air.

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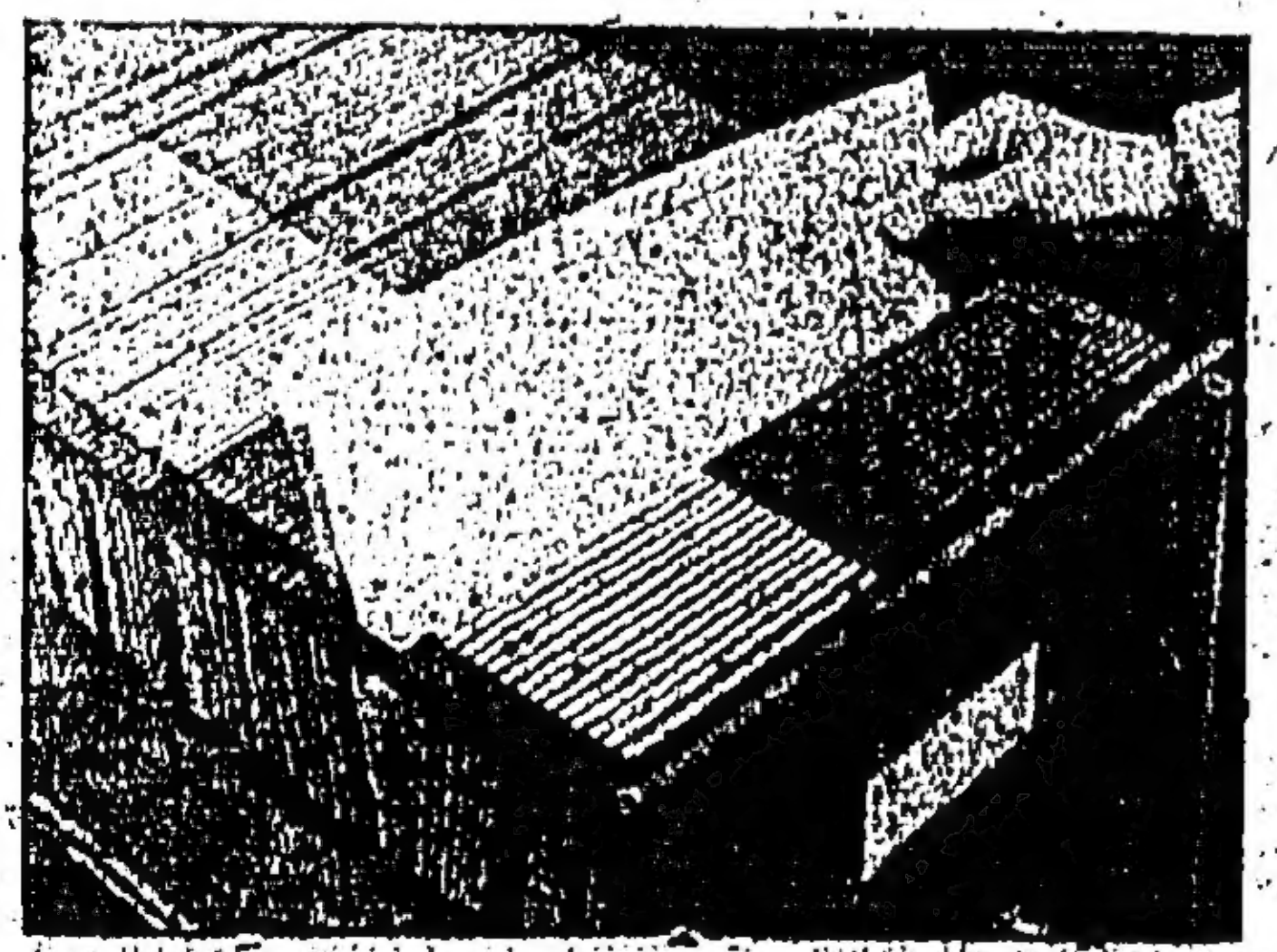
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The next witness, Jones Herbert Lidd, said that he was a radio technician residing at 60 Great Western Road, Shanghai. Up to the outbreak of the Pacific War he was working at the British Consulate, where he had been given control of radio station XGJEN as an announcer. During a short time in 1942 he had acted as a night-time programme announcer for the station.

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Call For "United Europe"

Mr. Churchill's Speech In Albert Hall

"THE SUPREME OPPORTUNITY"

London, May 14.

A vast crowd representing all political creeds packed the Albert Hall to its 7,000 capacity tonight to hear Britain's wartime Premier, Mr. Churchill, launch a campaign for "United Europe" and declare that Great Britain and France, as the founder partners, must bring Germany in a friendly way back into the circle of nations.

Long before the doors were due to open, a queue formed outside and police and officials had difficulty in controlling the crowd. Members of both French Houses of Parliament who had flown to Britain for the meeting were there to hear the speech, which lasted for forty minutes.

The rally, the first organised by the United European Committee which was inaugurated in January, passed a resolution pledging support for the campaign.

Mr. Churchill was greeted with loud and sustained cheers when he took the platform, and his speech was interrupted by frequent bursts of applause.

He employed all the forceful eloquence which has made him famous as he voiced a stern warning and a note of hope for the future.

Describing Europe today as "a rubble-heap, a charnel house, a breeding ground for pestilence and hate," Mr. Churchill said that the peoples of Europe still have it in their power "to allow the streams of happiness, freedom and abundance to begin again their healing flow."

He called for the immediate setting up in Great Britain of an organisation to promote the cause of United Europe, to encourage all Europeans to "come together and work together for mutual advantage, to exchange blessings instead of curses."

"This is the supreme opportunity," he added, "and if it be cast away to one can predict that it will ever return or what the resulting catastrophe will be."

"We accept without question the world supremacy of the United Nations organisation."

Regional Entity

"In the constitution agreed on at San Francisco a direct provision is made for regional organisations to be formed. United Europe will form one major regional entity."

"There is the United States with all its dependencies; there is the Soviet Union; there is the British Empire; and there is Europe, with which Great Britain is profoundly blended."

"Here are the four main pillars of the world temple of peace."

Mr. Churchill recalled that some fifteen years ago, when he first began writing about the United States of Europe, he wondered whether the United States of America would regard such a development as antagonistic to its interest, or even contrary to its safety.

"But all that has passed away," he continued. "The whole movement of American opinion is favourable to the revival and re-creation of Europe. This is surely not unnatural when we remember how the manhood of the United States has twice in a lifetime been forced to cross the Atlantic Ocean and give their lives and shed their blood and pour out their treasure as the result of a war originating from ancient European feuds."

"We have no doubt that far from encountering any opposition or prejudice from the great republic of the New World our movement will have their blessing and their aid."

"We here in Great Britain have our own self-governing Dominions—Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa."

We are bound together by ties of free will which have stood unyielding against all the ups and downs of fortune.

"We Are The Centre" "We are the centre and the summit of a worldwide commonwealth of nations."

"It is necessary that any policy this island may adopt in Europe should enjoy the full sympathy and approval of the peoples of the Dominions. Why should we suppose that they will not be with us in this cause? They feel, with us, that Great Britain is geographically, historically and culturally a part of Europe and that they also have their inheritance here."

"If Europe united is to be a living force Britain will have to play her full part as a member of the European family."

"The Dominions also know that their youth, like that of the United States, has twice within living memory traversed the immense ocean spaces to fight and die in wars brought about by European discord, and the prevention of which they have been powerless."

"In our task of reviving the happiness of Europe, her culture and her prosperity, it can certainly be said that we start at the bottom of her fortunes."

"Here is the fairest, the most temperate, most fertile area of the globe. The influence and power of Europe and of Christendom have for centuries shaped and dominated the course of history. The sons and daughters of Europe have gone forth and carried their message to every part of the world. Religion, law, learning, art, science and industry throughout the world all bear in so many lands, under every sky and in every clime, the stamp of European origin."

"Charnel House"

"But what is Europe now? It is a rubble-heap, a charnel house, a breeding ground of pestilence and hate. Ancient nationalistic feuds and modern ideological factions distract and infuriate the unhappy, hungry populations. Evil teachers urge the paying off of old scores with mathematical precision, and false guides point to unappearing retribution as the pathway to prosperity."

"Is there to be no respite? Has Europe's mission come to an end? Has she nothing to give to the world but the contagion of black death? Are her peoples to go on harrying and tormenting one another by war and vengeance until all that invests human life with dignity and comfort has been obliterated? Are we all, through our poverty and our quarrels, forever to be a burden and a danger to the rest of the world? Do we imagine that we can be carried forward indefinitely upon the shoulders—broad though they are—of the United States?"

"The time has come when these questions must be answered. This is the hour of choice, and surely the choice is plain."

WINNIE'S MEMOIRS

New York, May 15. "Life" Magazine and the "New York Times" announce that they have obtained the United States publication right for Winston Churchill's memoirs. The announcement indicated that the price was more than \$1,000,000 (£250,000). The memoirs are expected to consist of at least 1,000,000 words in five volumes. American publication will begin next January. — Associated Press.

U-Boat Captain On Trial

Hamburg, May 14. The war crimes court trying Captain Hellmuth von Ruckteschell, "Ace" sea raider in Hitler's Navy, announced today that it had dropped the count on the indictment charging von Ruckteschell with ordering his men to fire on British survivors of the steamer "Anglo-Saxon" while clinging to rafts after the sinking of their ship in August, 1940.

The chairman of the court said that the defence had produced sufficient counter-evidence against the written evidence of Able-seaman George Tapscott, upon whose statement the charge was based. Tapscott had alleged that the raider fired on two lifeboats as they moved away from the sinking ship. — Reuter.

Central Problem

"The central and most serious problem which glares upon the Europe of today is the future of Germany. Without a solution to this problem there can be no United States of Europe. Except within the framework and against the background of a United Europe this problem is incapable of solution."

"In a continent of divided nationalities, Germany and her hardworking people will not find means or scope to employ their energies. Economic suffocation will inevitably turn their thoughts to revolt and revenge. Germany will once again be a menace to her neighbours and to the whole world; and the fruits of victory and liberation will be cast away."

"But on the wider stage of a United Europe, German industry and Germany's genius would be able to find constructive and peaceful outlets instead of being a centre of poverty and a source of danger. The German people would be enabled to bring back prosperity in no small measure, not only to themselves but to the whole continent."

"Germany today lies prostrate, famishing among ruins. Obviously no assistance can be expected from her."

"It is for Britain and France to take the lead. Together they must, in a friendly manner, bring the German race back into the European circle."

"No one can say, and we need not forecast, what will be the future constitution of Europe. It involves the various individual German states and the principalities of the Germany of former days to which the culture of the world owes so much."

"Without prejudice to any future issue of the German federation, these individual states might well be invited to take their place in the council of Europe."

Trail Of Hatred

"Thus, in looking back to happier days we should hope to mark the end of that long trail of hatred and retaliation which has already led us all into the pit of squalor, slaughter and ruin."

"It is true that this task of reconciliation requires on the part of France, who has suffered so cruelly, an act of faith sublime in character; but it is by this act of faith, and by this act of faith alone that France will regain her historic position in the leadership of Europe."

"There is also another member of our ancient family of nations to be held in mind. There is Italy. Everything that I have said about the im-

perative need of reaching a reconciliation with the German race and the ending of the fearful quarrels that have ruined them and almost ruined us, applies in a less difficult degree to the Italian people who wish to dwell happily and industriously within their beautiful country," Mr. Churchill added.

"I am told," Mr. Churchill continued, "that this idea of a United Europe makes an intense appeal to Italians."

Soviet Russia

"It is, of course, alleged that all advocacy of the ideal of United Europe is nothing but a manoeuvre in the game of power politics, and that it is a sinister plot against Soviet Russia."

"There is no truth in this. The whole purpose of a united, democratic Europe is to give a decisive guarantee against aggression. Looking out from the ruins of some of their most famous cities and from amid the cruel devastation of their farthest lands, the Russian people should surely realise how much they stand to gain by the elimination of the causes of war on the European continent."

"The creation of a contented and healthy Europe is the first and truest interest of the Soviet Union. We had, therefore, hoped that all sincere efforts to promote European agreement and stability would receive, as they deserve, the sympathy and support of Russia."

"Instead, all this beneficent design has been denounced and viewed with suspicion by the Soviet press and radio. We have made no retort, and I do not propose to do so tonight. But neither could we accept the claim that the veto of a single power, however respected, should bar and prevent a movement necessary to the peace, solidarity and well-being of so many hundreds of millions of toiling and starving men and women."

"I must end where I began by placing this immense design of Europe with and subordinate to the United Nations organisation. Unless some effective world government, for the purpose of preventing war, can be set up and begin its reign, the prospects for peace and human progress are dark and doubtful."

Concrete Step

"But let there be no mistake upon one point. Without a United Europe there is no prospect of a world government. It is the urgent and indispensable step towards the realisation of that ideal."

"After the first great war (Continued at foot of next Col.)

FRENCH BREAD MILLS REQUISITIONED

Paris, May 14.

More mills were requisitioned by the Government in strike-ridden France today in the effort to save the country's bread ration which is threatened with another 1-3/4 ounces cut.

Following the strike in the Paris mills early in the week, the mills at Bobigny near Paris went on strike this morning and were immediately requisitioned by the Government.

This afternoon, members of the millers' trade union and employers went into conference.

Continuing his efforts to straighten out the wheat situation, Premier Ramadier, had decided to make a radio appeal to the nation tomorrow night, calling for a nation-wide drive to collect as much wheat as possible.

Tonight, he is meeting the prefects of 15 departments to urge them to explore every possible means by which the collection of wheat can be augmented.

There were other labour developments today that harassed the Government. Firstly—about 15,000 Paris laundry workers stopped work for a wage increase of five francs per hour. Secondly—the strikers at two Renault motor-car plants have decided to continue the strike for a 10 franc per hour increase. Thirdly—the metal workers in the Paris region said that they would stop work at 4 p.m. on Friday in support of the demands for payment of bonuses and the grading up of the amount of wages on which income tax must be paid. Fourthly—at Mulhouse in eastern France, the General Confederation of Labour ordered all factory workers to stage a token strike for one hour. These workers are demanding the introduction of bonuses.

The French President, M. Auriol, broadcast an appeal tonight to French farmers to bring their wheat to market in order to break the bottleneck of the current bread shortage.

At least half a dozen times during his speech, M. Auriol repeated earnestly: "Give up your wheat, all your wheat soon."

Success of the Government's battle against inflation, he said, depended on farmers quickly marketing their wheat stock.

"If agricultural prices increase and industrial salaries follow them the value of your money will decrease and with the same bill you will be able to buy less merchandise."

The President told farmers that "every price reduction will mean an increase in the value of your money." — Reuter.

Senate OKs Truman Bill

Washington, May 15.

The Senate voted 79 to 4 to grant the full \$350,000,000 which President Truman asked to relieve suffering in China and Europe.

The Senate rejected a House plan to limit the sum to \$200,000,000. It also omitted House restrictions on aid to Communist-dominated countries. The Senate bill requires that food and medicine must clearly be shown to have come from the United States.

The legislation goes to a Senate-House conference committee to adjust differences.

Countries to be aided are not named in the bill but Secretary of State George C. Marshall has said the bulk of the relief will go to China, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Trieste. He said \$15,000,000 would be available to meet emergencies elsewhere. — Associated Press.

the League of Nations tried to build, without the aid of the United States, an international order upon a weak divided Europe. The failure cost us dear.

"After the second world war Europe is far weaker and still more distracted. One of the four main pillars of the temple of peace lies before us in shattered fragments. It must be assembled and reconstructed before there can be any real progress in building a spacious super-structure of our own desires."

The wartime Premier finished his forty minute address amidst thunderous applause and cheering. It continued until he rose again and, smiling broadly, gave his famous V sign.

The Archbishop of Canterbury presided and representatives of all churches and political parties were present. — Reuter.

"Discreet Bathing" In Rio

Rio De Janeiro, May 15. The seaside capital city has a new organization—the "Discreet Bathing Club"—which is campaigning up and down Copacabana beach for more modest bathing suits.

Volunteer agents of the society spends hours on the beach politely asking for more conservative swimming costumes. They even offer to donate garments that meet their standards.

The club chairman told the Press: "The aim of the club is to moralize our beaches, especially fighting the use of indecent bathing suits. We do not ask that suits come down to the knees as some people facetiously say, but we do not allow girls in two-piece bathing suits."

The club has 50 members. — Associated Press.

Obituary

Geo. F. Garland

Boston, May 15.

The death of Captain George F. Garland, 93, onetime skipper of three little "Morning Star" missionary sailing ships sent by the American Board of Foreign Missions to the South Sea Islands, is reported by the Congregational Christian news bureau.

From 1856 to 1904, the mission board, with its headquarters at Boston, outfitted several small sailing vessels for missionary service in the South Seas.

During a period of over 20 years, Captain Garland was temporary captain of the Morning Star III and later held the full command of the Morning Star IV and the Morning Star V.

He retired in 1904 to become the head of a missionary home in Oberlin, Ohio. His wife was formerly a congregational missionary in the Micronesian Islands. — Associated Press.

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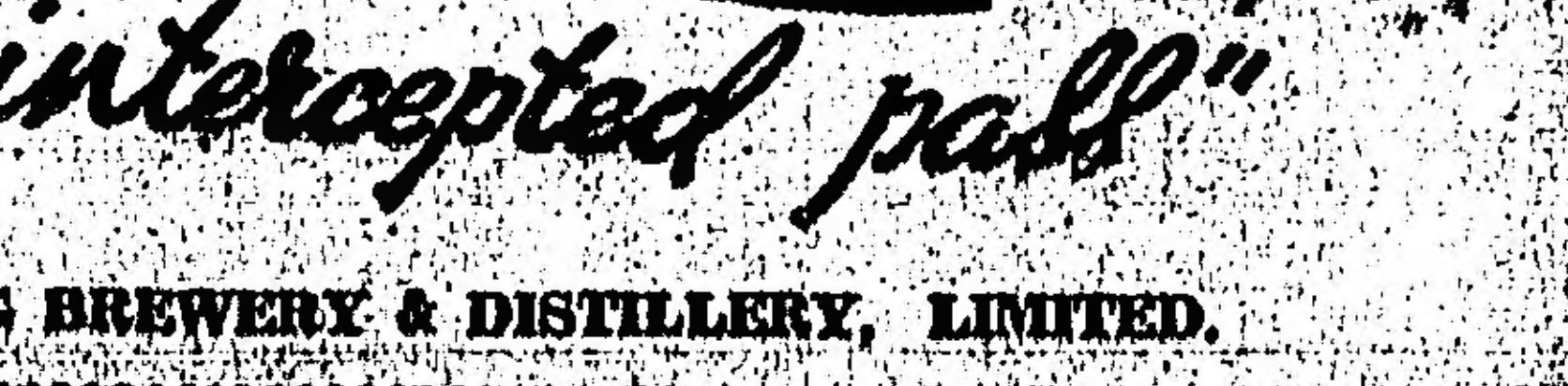
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chase of either (a) and (b) in
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mencing 1st June, 1947.

3. Tenders must be deposited
with the Board in sealed packets
and marked "Tender for Scrap
Iron and Steel and/or Firewood"
and addressed to the Chairman.

4. Closing date for Tenders:—12
Noon Thursday, 22nd May, 1947.

5. Further details and conditions
of Contract may be had on appli-
cation to the British Stores Dis-
posal Board (Hong Kong), Vic-
toria Barracks (Entrance 50
yards west of Queen's Road En-
trance to Barracks).

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Stores Disposal Board (Hong
Kong) does not bind himself to
accept the highest or any Tender.

WALTER-M.
WEINBERGER,
Chairman,

BRITISH STORES
DISPOSAL BOARD,
Hong Kong.

POLICE NOTICE

The following roads will be
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lasting from 15 minutes before
the Guard of Honour arrives to
the time His Excellency em-
barks.

- (a) Connaught Road Central
from Thomas Cook's
Building to the junction of
Jackson Road (North
corner of Hong Kong
Club).

- (b) Wardley Street from
Queen Victoria Statue
to Connaught Road Cen-
tral.

2. Cars of persons attending
Queen's Pier will be parked
East of the junction of Con-
naught Road Central and
Jackson Road after the passen-
gers have disembarked.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, 14th May, 1947.

HONGKONG BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE

Commencing Monday 19th
May 1947, Clearing cheques
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THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Forty-Sixth Annual General
Meeting of the Shareholders
will be held in the Jacobean
Room of the Hongkong Hotel,
Pedder Street, Hongkong, on
Saturday, the 31st May 1947, at
Noon for the following purposes,
namely, to consider the annual
statement of accounts and the
balance sheet, and the
reports of the Directors and
Auditors thereon, to elect Di-
rectors and Auditors in the place
of those retiring, to declare a
dividend and bonus, to appro-
priate the balance of Profit and
Loss Accounts as recommended
by the Directors, and to
transact any other ordinary
business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given
that the Share Transfer Re-
gisters will be closed from 20th
May, 1947 to 31st May, 1947,
both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. D. LEARMONTH,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th May, 1947.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of Shareholders will be held
at the Jacobean Room, Hong-
kong Hotel, Pedder Street,
Hong Kong, on Saturday, 31st
May, 1947, at 12.15 p.m. (or
as soon thereafter as the Or-
dinary Annual Meeting to be
held at that date shall
have been concluded) for the
purpose of considering and, if
thought fit, passing the sub-
joined Resolution as an Ordina-
ry Resolution:—

"That the Capital of the
Company be increased to
\$10,000,000, by the creation
of One Million Two Hundred
Thousand additional new
shares of Five Dollars each
to be issued at such terms
and conditions in every re-
spect as the Company's Board
of Directors may think fit."

By Order of the Board,

A. D. LEARMONTH,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th May, 1947.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of the Company will be
held at 18 Pedder Street (1st
floor) Hong Kong on MONDAY
the NINTH day of JUNE,
1947, at NOON, for the pur-
pose of proposing and if
thought fit passing the sub-
joined resolutions as a special
resolution, viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered in the manner
following:—

- (a) Article 17 shall be can-
celled

- (b) In the third line of
Article 71 the word "two"
shall be substituted for
the word "three"

- (c) The following Article shall
be substituted for Article
76:—"76. Subject to any
special terms as to voting
upon which any shares of
the Company may have
been issued or may for
the time being be held,
upon a show of hands
every member present in
person shall have one
vote, and upon a poll
every member present in
person or by proxy shall
have one vote for every
share held by him."

By Order of the Board,

R. G. CRAIG,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong,

Dated this Ninth day of May,

1947.

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THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that
the Eighteenth Ordinary Annual
Meeting of the Company will
be held at the Company's Office,
3rd Floor, 144-148 Des Voeux
Road, Central, Hongkong, on
Saturday the 24th May 1947 at
12.00 noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the Year
ended 31st December 1946 and
for the period 16th September
to 31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Share Register of the Company
will be closed from the 16th
May 1947 to the 24th May 1947,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

LAU TAK PO,

Managing Director.

HONGKONG, 10th May, 1947.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, will
be held at the Offices of Messrs
Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor,
Hongkong Bank Building, on
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1946 to
31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 7th May
1947 to the 21st May 1947,
both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Register of Shareholders of
the Company having been lost
during the Japanese occupation
and new forms of certificates
having now been received from
England all shareholders are
required as soon as possible to
send to the Company for can-
cellation the certificates for
shares now in their possession
in exchange for which the
Company will issue new cer-
tificates with new distin-
guishing numbers of the shares.
As from the 1st day of June
1947 the Company's Register of
Shareholders will be opened for
transfer and transfers accom-
panied by the requisite
certificates together with the
approval in writing of the
Registrar of Companies will
only be registered.

Shareholders whose Certifi-
cates have been lost or de-
stroyed, and who have not
already done so, are requested
to notify the Company forth-
with giving full particulars.

DATED the 15th day of May
One thousand nine hundred and
forty-seven.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON

General Managers.

NOTICE FAR EASTERN FREIGHT CONFERENCE

FAR EAST/GULF OF ADEN AND RED SEA PORTS CONFERENCE

It is hereby notified that
revised Freight Tariffs are be-
ing introduced by the above-
mentioned Conferences.

These Tariffs will come into
force as from June 1st 1947
and all rates of freight cov-
ered by the existing Tariffs will
be withdrawn from that date.

Quotations of the revised
freight rates may be obtained
on application.

J. D. ALEXANDER

CHAIRMAN.

NOTICE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Will clients please note that as
from 10th May 1947 the Offices
of the Society and its Affiliated
Companies will be situated on
the second floor of Union
Building. Telephone numbers
remain unchanged.

NO SEPARATE TREATIES

Washington, May 14.
The U.S. State Department
knows of no plan for the
United States to conclude
separate peace treaties with
Germany and Austria, a De-
partment spokesman said to-
day.

He made this statement when
questioned on the "Chicago
Tribune" report from
Washington that the "United
States is ready to proceed
unilaterally unless Russia
backs down from her position
during the recent Moscow
peace conference."—Reuter.

Leprosy In Britain?

London, May 14.
As a result of the return of
the British 14th Army from
Burma and prisoners of war
from the Far East, leprosy may
be seen again in Britain within
the next five years, according to
Dr. Gordon Rylie, medical
secretary of the British Empire
Leprosy Relief Association.

Dr. Rylie told a press con-
ference in London today that
he expected a temporary in-
crease of disease in this coun-
try and cases would come to
light within the next five
years.

"At the present time," he
said, "there are insufficient ex-
perts to diagnose the symptoms
and there are many cases where
disease still incubating is not
yet apparent."

Dr. Rylie added that he
thought that the number of
cases which would develop in
this country would not be less
than 30.

"There is no fear of infec-
tion during the incubation
period," he said. "But the
danger is that doctors in our
skin hospitals have so little ex-
perience of the disease that
they may not recognise it as
leprosy until it is well advanc-
ed."—Reuter.

Oxonians To Have Texas Drawl

London, May 14.
An inquiry into the extent to which Britain should
model her future university system on that of
the United States was demanded today in the
House of Lords by Lord Lindsay, former Vice-
Chancellor of Oxford University.

"Figures show that one person of every 125 went
to a university in the United States, while in
England only one in 1,013 had the same
chance," Lord Lindsay, an Independent peer,

said. "Can we really suppose that
the standard of intelligence of
the English is so low com-
pared with the standard of in-
telligence of other countries?"

Initiating a brief debate on
university education, he de-
clared that while Britain's sec-
ondary education (high school
level) was about two years
ahead of the United States, she
needed more teachers and new
experiments in education to
provide the doctors, lawyers,

scientists and trained social
service workers which were
needed.

Despite the fact that many
of the institutions to which the
American students went would
not be considered universities
by British educationalists, the
"great technical efficiency" of
the United States was connect-
ed with the fact that so many
young American men had gone
to some full-time institution up
to the age of 21 or 22.

Cosmetics!

Lord Lindsay said that the
Principal of Chicago University
had complained that the Uni-
versity of California had
founded a chair of Cosmetology
on the ground that the profes-
sion of "cosmetician" was in-
creasing in California more
rapidly than any other profes-
sion.

In the American system, there
were "ridiculous examples of
this kind."

Lord Jowitt (Lord Chancellor)
replying, rejected Lord
Lindsay's suggestion of a new
body to look into this matter.
He suggested more support for
the existing committee for
educational grants to which the
Treasury was prepared to give
its fullest support.

He said that the Government
had hoped that by 1951, the
university population in Bri-
tain would have increased from
66,000 to 88,000. The program-
me of development in the next
five years would cost an es-
timated £5,900,000.—Reuter.

AVIATOR LOCATED

Dar-es-Salaam, May 14.
Colonel Chesley Peterson,
American air force hero, who
was forced down in the Afri-
can wilds last Friday, boarded
a De Havilland "Dove" aero-
plane at Songea late today to-
gether with his crew.
Col Peterson's plane left for
Blantyre instead of for Dar-es-
Salaam, where it had been origi-
nally scheduled to arrive to-
night. Reasons for the change
in plans were not given.
Col Peterson had planned to
visit Dar-es-Salaam before re-
turning to South Africa, where
he serves as air attaché to the
United States Legation.—Unit-
ed Press.

"INDEPENDENT PALESTINE," SUGGESTS RUSSIA

Flushing Meadows, N.Y. May 14.

The Soviet Union today urged the United Nations
to end the "bankrupt" British mandate in
Palestine and clear the way for an indepen-
dent Holy Land with equal rights for Arabs
and Jews.

The Soviet delegate, M. Gromyko, joining the
Arab states in the last-hour fight to force the
General Assembly to study the independence
issue, delivered a scathing attack on British
rule in Palestine.

Gromyko said:—
"Palestine is completely
transformed into a police
state. Britain does not have
the confidence of the people of
Palestine. Both Jews and
Arabs demand liquidation of
the mandate. It is one thing
on which they do not differ."

He said he would favour the
partition of the Holy Land into
separate Arab and Jewish
states only if the United Na-
tions investigation proved that
the two peoples could not live
together in peace.

A Jewish Agency spokesman
said they considered this state-
ment as a "major switch in Rus-
sian policy."

Iraq's Feidhi Jamali, leading
the attack, shouted "Stop the
invasion of Palestine!" He
said the Arab states would re-
serve the right not to be bound
by any decision the United Na-
tions may take regarding Pale-
stine.

Not Consistent
As soon as the Assembly met
to consider the Political Com-
mittee report establishing a 11-
man investigating committee,
Jamali said:—"Our thesis is
nothing but one independent
state of Palestine which can
guarantee democracy and
peace."

He objected that the terms
of reference for the Palestine
Inquiry Commission omitted
such words as peace, justice,
independence, and the like. He
said that to include religious in-
terests in the terms and exclude

political freedom did not show
a very high degree of con-
sistency.

Jamali charged that the
Arabs in Palestine had been de-
prived of political rights dur-
ing the past 60 years and were
waiting for justice and redem-
ption.

"I hope that their confidence
in the United Nations will not
be shaken," Jamali said. The
Arabs expected Soviet support
in the final campaign but the
Jawue was fore-determined by
overwhelming votes in the Po-
litical Committee against in-
cluding independence in the in-
structions.

Chinese Head

It was learned that Victor
Hoo of China, Assistant Secre-
tary General in charge of the
United Nations trusteeship af-
fairs, will head the United Na-
tions staff assigned to the
Palestine Investigating Com-
mission. The selection of one
United Nations high command
to direct a 40-or-45-man staff
attached to the 11-nation com-
mission was made by Trygve
Lie, Secretary General of the
General Assembly.

Lie declined to tell in his
weekly news conference who
had been selected for the as-
signment but he did say that
the Palestine inquiry was "im-
portant enough to require one
of the assistant secretaries gen-
eral." There are eight assist-
ants—one each from the Big
Five and Czechoslovakia, Chile
and the Netherlands.

It is understood that officials
are particularly anxious to
avoid repetition of charges
directed against the activities
of the United Nations staff as-
signed to the Balkans in-
vestigating Commission.

There were a series of al-
legations—all denied by Unit-
ed Nations officials and mem-
bers of the commission—that
the secretariat of the commis-
sion was biased in favour of
Russia.—United Press.

In Brief

WELLINGTON: A Hawkes
Bay, N.Z., farmer, by mat-
ing a swan and a goose,
now has a six-week-old spec-
imen of fowl living on his farm
which he has named a "swoose."

GENOA: Port authorities
seized a cargo of explosive
materials today from the Ita-
lian ship, "Citta di Bari,"
which was assumed to have
been destined for Palestine.

NAPLES: Nine persons
were injured today by an ex-
plosion in an Allied ammu-
nition dump, caused by fire, at
Selsciano, 12 miles east of Na-
ples.

LONDON: The whaling
ship Balena—the biggest whal-
ing factory afloat—was refit-
ted under its own power today,
after having run aground on
Shipwash Sands in the Thames
Estuary.

MONOPOLI: Nearly 100
Jews reportedly embarked casu-
ally for Palestine at dawn
yesterday from this little Ita-
lian Adriatic port in an un-
identified freighter.

PARIS: General Alphonse
Juin, chief of the French Gen-
eral Staff, was appointed Re-
sident General of Morocco to-
day by Premier Paul Ramadier,
succeeding M. Erik Labonne.

LONDON: The Foreign Of-
fice announced that Sir Victor
Mallet, British Ambassador to
Madrid, has been appointed
Britain's representative to the
Preparatory Commission for
the International Refugee Or-
ganization, succeeding Sir
George Rendel. Sir Victor was
recalled from Madrid in accor-
dance with the United Nations
resolution to withdraw the
heads of diplomatic missions to
the Franco government.

NAIROBI: Twenty-six Jew-
ish extremists, interned for
three months in Kenya, en-
vied Dar-es-Salaam before re-
turning for their return (order-
ed) by the Palestine govern-
ment) was not disclosed.—
United Press.

SKYSCRAPER ROBBERY

New York, May 14.
Two men today held up a
jewel merchant, George Lasse-
man, on the tenth floor of
Manhattan Building and es-
caped with diamonds whose
value is placed at up to
\$100,000.

Lasseman said the bandits,
who were carrying pistols,
forced him to open his safe,
emptied the contents in bags
and then bound and gagged
their victim.—United Press.

To Hunt Crocodiles

Sydney, May 14.
Berkley Cook, ex-RAAF offi-
cer, is preparing an expedition
to hunt crocodiles commerci-
ally. He has found that they are
returning in large numbers to
their old haunts in Australia's
northern Queensland and New
Guinea after having been
driven off by Australian and
American troops during the
war.

Cook, 40-year-old resident of
Neutral Bay, Sydney, reports
he had been offered an average
of \$6.50 a skin by a Sydney
leather firm. During the war,
little crocodile hunting was
done, and prices of skins sky-
rocketed.

Cook plans to do a bit of
trading in the New Guinea
coastal islands, and will use his
50-foot pear lugger, the "Phan-
tom," as a base of operations.
The mangrove swamps sur-
rounding Darwin and the inlets
of the nearby coast are again
harbouring huge crocodiles.
One surfaced at Fanny Bay
near a small saltpetre occupied
by William McNab, 14.

The boy reported the croc-
odile charged his small boat,
rocked it with its tail and seem-
ed to be trying to capsize it.
Young McNab drove it off after
striking it repeatedly with an
oar.—United Press.

"Pravda" Accuses United Press

Moscow, May 14.
A "Pravda" dispatch from the newspaper's
Teheran correspondent said today that United
Press has received an assignment to circulate
sensational reports on Iran in a spirit hostile
to the Soviet Union.

The dispatch, captioned "The Unattractive Role of
the United Press Agency" said the purpose of
such activity was to prevent the conclusion of
an agreement on the formation of the Soviet-
Iranian Oil Company in North Iran.

The "Pravda" dispatch in full
follows:—

"The American agency, United
Press, has received an assignment
to circulate sensational reports of
various kinds in Iran written in
a spirit hostile to the Soviet Union
with a view to creating difficul-
ties and in so far as possible to
prevent the conclusion of an
agreement on the formation of the
Soviet-Iranian Oil Company in
northern Iran."

The dispatch continues: "It is
also stated here that official
American representatives are try-
ing to obtain the same aim by
pressure upon members of the
Iranian Government and Majlis
(Parliament) and corresponding
influence on public opinion."

"Propaganda"

"The Teheran paper Mehr-
an's report that the Iranian
agency, Fars, has concluded an
agreement with United Press for
using this agency's reports over
the radio and for publication in
Iranian papers is looked upon
here as a fact which points to a
widely-planned propaganda cam-
paign."

The "Pravda" dispatch added:
"A number of tendentious reports
transmitted lately by United
Press and reprinted by Iranian
papers confirm such assumption.
Thus at the end of April the
agency's Teheran correspondent
reported an alleged attempt of
4,000 Russians to 'break through
to Iran disguised as refugees.'"

"This provocative invention in
somewhat altered form reached
the pages of the English press
this morning. 'The Daily Press'
and the 'Morning Post' a few days
ago declared to readers that a
large number of Russian terrorists
are crossing the Iranian frontier.
Several days later the same United
Press correspondent reported the
future reorganization of the Iran-
ian Cabinet and evidently reflect-
ing the real desires of his mas-
ter, hastened to forecast that the
United Press.

Soviet "Smear Campaign"

Washington, May 14.

The U.S. State Depart-
ment has been advised
that the Soviet "smear
campaign" to discredit
United States policies
and institutions is con-
tinuing in high gear.

This is according to a report
based on a detailed survey of
the Soviet campaign by the
American Embassy in Moscow.
The report cites the recent
play, "The Russian Question"
which is said to vilify the Am-
erican press.

It also mentions numerous
articles in Russian publications
criticizing United States news-
papers, radio stations and
motion pictures.

The possible reasons outlined
by the Embassy for continuing
attacks on the American press
were:—

1. To discredit "western in-
fluence" as part of an ideologi-
cal campaign started in Russia
last summer which endeavours
to show that freedom of press
does not exist in the United
States.

2. To give an impression

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"Charlatans" Get Gaol Terms

Described by the Magistrate as "charlatans who, there is no doubt about it, perpetrated a frightful swindle" by stimulating "from time to time the unwary who fell into their clutches" by feats of sleight-of-hand and, in this way, kept up to the pitch where they were willing and eager to part with their savings, Wong Tak (alias Wong Chuen-yan) and Ting Kin-kwan (alias Wong Sang) were yesterday sentenced by Mr. W.H. Latimer to one year's hard labour, and nine months' hard labour respectively.

They Chose The Wrong Buyer

Young Wing and Ho Foon, casual coolies, chose the wrong buyer for the three jacks which they claimed, they picked up at the Kowloon Godowns as they were leaving work on May 13. The result is that they have now to spend the next three weeks in Stanley Gaol.

The facts, as related to Mr. W.H. Latimer by Inspector J. O'Brien at Kowloon yesterday, were that at 9.20 p.m. on Tuesday the two accused approached Chinese detective Wong Chum-muk outside the Hon Koo Garage at Wonsung Street and asked him if he wanted to purchase a jack.

Defective Wong asked the price and was told \$10. His interest was aroused and he inquired whether there were any more to be purchased at that price. The defendants replied in the affirmative, and first accused went to fetch the other jacks.

He returned about 20 minutes with the two jacks, one of which was of two ton capacity. Both men were exceedingly surprised when taken into custody by their prospective "customer."

The jacks were ordered by Mr. Latimer to be confiscated to the P.W.D., should no claim be made for them.

GRACIE COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

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for a Chinese station XG01 which was actually controlled by the Japanese.

"Then I was interned by the Japanese at Happong Road," Ladd continued. "Then I was taken to Bridge House. I was badly beaten and asked about the activities of XG01."

"I know the Accused, I saw him in Happong Road Camp and was put in the same room with him. I was also in the same room with him after my return from Bridge House. Several months later Chisholm, Brown, Gracie and myself were approached by a Japanese named Matsuda of the Japanese Press Bureau and by another Japanese named Honda. An offer was made to me, Gracie approached me and told me he had also been interviewed and was offered a chance to be released."

"Gracie asked me my opinion of the matter. I advised him to go if he had contacts outside. I was thinking of getting in touch with my relatives outside the camp and of getting away from Shanghai. I did not tell Gracie to accept the offer or not to. I left it to his own decision. Several days later we were released."

"Gracie did not tell me any of the details of the interview. He told me none of the inmates at Happong Road would have much to do with him and he had a mind to get out. When I left the Camp I went back to the station and looked after musical records. I was released on condition I did broadcasting work."

"I was approached later to write commentaries on the world situation and I refused. I went to the Swiss Consulate and asked them to assist me to get back to Camp. I was eventually permitted to go back there. I suffered no ill-treatment as a result of this decision."

Abundant Proof

Both defendants were recommended to "be banished for the protection of the people in this Colony" after they have served their sentences which are to date from April 12—the date of their arrest.

Delivering judgment, His Worship said: "Throughout the hearing of evidence in this case there have been statements made concerning the allegations by the first accused of supernatural powers. When giving evidence himself, the first accused made no claim whatsoever to the possession of any supernatural powers but only that he was instructed in fortune-telling and dealt in charms."

"There is abundant proof that a system was employed by both the accused with the object of misleading as much money as possible from the credulous and that the means employed in each of the charges before the Court was similar in character. "The pretence that the first accused was a holy man from Lo Fu Mountain is false and so acknowledged by him. The unwary who fell into the clutches of these charlatans were stimulated from time to time by feats of sleight-of-hand and in this way kept up to the pitch where they were willing and eager to part with their savings."

Moving Spirit

"There is no evidence to support the statements of the first accused that sums given him for carrying out religious ceremonies were ever so employed or that he did perform such ceremonies."

"I find the first accused guilty of two charges of obtaining money by false pretence, three charges of conspiracy, and the charge of fortune-telling."

"I find the second accused guilty of three charges of obtaining money by false pretences, three charges of conspiracy, and the charge of fortune-telling."

3 COMMANDO LEAVING

After a year and a half's residence in the Colony, 3 Commando Brigade are making their final preparations to leave and will be embarked aboard the ss. "Strathnaver" on Saturday morning. The Brigade is going to take up Garrison duties in Malta.

The Brigade, Commander, Brigadier J.H.G. Wills, left a few weeks ago and will be in Malta to welcome the Brigade on its arrival there.

The duties of 3 Commando Brigade, which in the past 18 months have involved garrisoning Kowloon and the New Territories, have been taken over by the 1st Battalion, The Devon and the 27th Field Regiment, R.A.

Bought Mauser In Germany

"The possession of arms without a licence is a very serious offence in the Colony, but in view of the fact that the Police are asking for only a very small fine and are not applying for the confiscation of the pistol I am going to impose only a small fine on you."

The above was addressed by Mr. W.H. Latimer to Koy Yee-wing, 41, an American citizen, and veteran of World War II, who pleaded guilty to the possession of a German "Mauser" pistol at the K.C.R. Station at 10.30 a.m. on May 14.

Defendant, who had lived in the United States for about 30 years and who joined the U.S. Army on April 2, 1944, served in England and landed in Germany with the 9th U.S. Army. He purchased the pistol in Germany and was granted a certificate for its possession.

DSI W.J. Wall, who prosecuted, stated that defendant arrived in Hong Kong on May 13 by the ss. "Marine Lynx" and stayed the night at the Hotel Nathan. The following morning he went to the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station to board a train for Canton.

At the Chinese Customs barrier he was asked whether he had anything to declare, and replied that he had a pistol but no ammunition. Defendant, continued DSI Wall, was handed over to S/I H.C. Timma and brought to the Water Police Station.

The Police, added DSI Wall, were only asking for a small fine and the custody of the pistol until Koy returns to America.

Defendant was fined \$50. The necessary order for the temporary custody of the pistol was made.

"Cossack" Rescues A Tanker

HMS "Cossack," which sailed for Singapore from Hong Kong on Sunday, made a surprise return to Hong Kong Wednesday night with a former Japanese tanker, the 1,000-ton "Tal Tung," in tow.

"Cossack's" return marks the third time the British destroyer has unsuccessfully attempted to reach Singapore from Hong Kong.

Members of her crew have dubbed the 1,900-ton warship the "Singapore Jinx Ship."

After one day at sea, "Cossack" picked up a distress signal from the "Tal Tung." In a heavy rain and wind storm, the destroyer managed to take in tow the wallowing tanker.

HMS "Cossack" left at 6 p.m. yesterday for the fourth time for Singapore. Captain Guy Sayer is in command.—United Press.

another application which is still under consideration.

He further said that he was under contract to the Military Authorities for the supply of petrol and the garaging of army lorries. He claimed that the petrol arrived at his garage in a lorry and was transferred from that lorry to Army vehicles for transport to Sun Wei Camp.

Storage Of Petrol

While expressing his reluctance to send defendant to prison Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr also deplored the fact that the maximum fine allowed by the Ordinance was only \$250 when he found the summonses proved against Ho Fook-lan, of the Ho Fook Lan Garage.

Mr. Blair-Kerr ruled against Mr. Marcus da Silva's submission that goods left on premises for a short period during the course of transit did not come within the definition of "storage."

Defendant was fined the maximum of \$250 on each of two summonses for storing 2,014 gallons of petrol outside the open pit on the Crown Land occupied by his garage at Ma Tau Wei Road, and for storing 2,863 gallons of petrol.

It was alleged by D.O. Brooks that defendant had been warned several times during the past seven months, and that he had been summoned three times.

Defendant claimed that he had submitted (through his architect) an application for the building of a store on the land and that the application was refused. He had submitted

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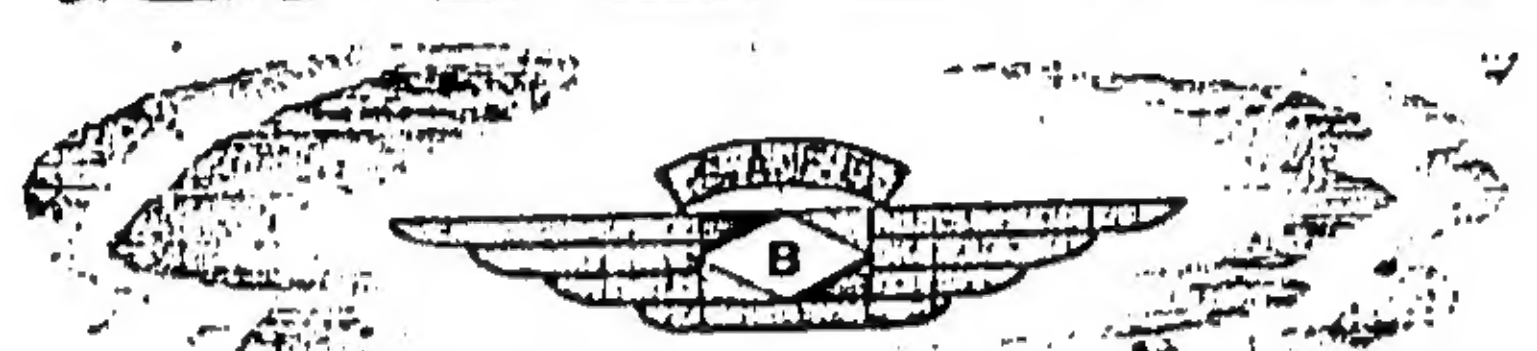
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DEATH

ROZA—On Thursday, May 8, 1937, at the General Hospital, Shinghai, Annand Maria Noronha da Roza (Dorothy), aged 83 years, the dearly beloved mother of Oscar, Delciana and Amelia.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REFORM

One might almost imagine, judging by the length of time occupied by the Colonial Office in examination of the plan for a Municipal Council and other constitutional reforms in Hong Kong, that the issues involved were as momentous as the transfer of power in India. In point of fact, it is very much a preliminary phase of public management that is being conferred, and over meticulous attention to the minutiae of draftsmanship—for that is apparently what is happening—might in these troublous times be energy devoted to matters of greater moment. No-one will regret the delay in presentation of the final scheme more than His Excellency Sir Mark Young, who must have entertained a keen desire to announce the satisfactory completion of the most important task of his last year as Governor, prior to his departure. In this, it seems, His Excellency is to be disappointed. There is, indeed, no real indication as to when the detailed scheme will be returned from London carrying the approval and endorsement of the Colonial Office, and the expectation that it would be possible to hold the first elections in the early autumn may not now be realised. Much preparatory work in Hong Kong will be required, principal among it being the completion of the registers of voters in the different wards or districts. Some indication that the Colonial Office may, soon, make up its mind is perhaps to be found in the statement in Parliament yesterday announcing the broad outline of the constitution for the Legislative Council of Singapore. Such a body is, of course, new to Singapore, and is required by the creation of the Malayan Union which sets up Singapore as an entity separated from Kuala Lumpur, except insofar as the Governor-General exercises prerogatives over the heads of the Governor of Singapore and the Governor of Malaya. The points of key interest in the Singapore plan are (a) that the communal basis of elections has been rejected and (b) that of nine elected Unofficials, six are to be chosen by popular ballot, and three by the Chambers of Commerce. Over and above these, the Governor has the power to nominate four additional Unofficial members, the object being to secure adequate representation of all interests, a result which obviously would not necessarily be achieved by popular ballot. It will not fail to be noted in Hong Kong that Singapore, starting with an entirely clean slate, is conceded a substantial Unofficial majority, 13 to 9, while the Legislative Council plan envisaged by the Governor of Hong Kong provides for seven Officials and eight Unofficials. The underlying objective here has never been quite clear. Such a constitution would, of course, preserve to the Governor the privilege of a casting vote which could be decisive, but as the right of veto remains to His Excellency, the precaution, if such it is, surely is needless. The Singapore plan has decided merits by comparison. The substance as well as the shadow of Unofficial control of legislative decisions is provided, and as there is a fairly close resemblance between Hong Kong and Singapore, politically, the reason for a less favourable response to this Colony's urge towards a more democratic administrative system is not immediately apparent. It may be, of course, that we have blamed the Colonial Office unduly, and that the delay in reaching decisions has arisen from the will to make the more generous offer inherent in the Singapore plan. In that case, the hold-up will be considered as having been well worth while.

THE BATTLE OVER
CONSCRIPTIONBy
ROY CARLETON

It is now possible to trace something of the how and why of the sudden decision to reduce the period of compulsory service from eighteen months to twelve months and to anticipate some of the coming moves.

First of all, the lobby verdict on National Service Bill administered a severe jolt to Government and Opposition alike, the fact that men and women elected to Parliament will no longer automatically obey the behests of Party whips if that means sacrificing their own strongly held personal beliefs or what they believe to be the strongly held opinions of the constituents who elected them, was by no means the least important of these jolts.

The Cabinet went into an immediate huddle to analyse the full meaning of that vote on the second reading of Bill when the Government found itself so powerfully opposed by a large number of Labour backbenchers that, but for Opposition support, the Government could have been defeated on this important measure. The Cabinet realised that though the immediate danger had passed there were ample opportunities for further crisis situations when the National Service Bill was passing through its Committee Stages. So they searched for a door of escape and decided they had found it in the suggestion thrown out during the Commons debate by Mr. Crossman.

"Heaven-Sent"

Mr. Crossman is the leader of the section of the Labour Party which is mostly keenly critical of the Bevin foreign policy. He has an influential group behind him and though he voted in the Government lobby on the National Service Bill, he made it clear he would not support it in Committee if there was any tendency to use the armed forces to bolster up foreign adventuring.

To reinforce this idea, he suggested cutting the length of conscription service down to twelve months.

The Defence Committee fastened on this as a heaven-sent way out of the predicament. If this sop could be thrown up the Crossmanites

would not only consolidate their support but would also bring into line those Labour MPs who had voted against the Government because they felt conscription interfered too much with the industrial and food production manpower problems.

On this point it would appear that even before the Bill was introduced the Cabinet had not been completely unanimous for both George Isaacs (Minister of Labour) and Mr. Tom Williams (Minister of Agriculture) had been happy over losing so many young men to the Forces when industry and the land both needed them so much. True such a trimming of the conscription policy would not please the Pacifist groups of MPs but their numbers would not prove too worrying in the division lobbies if they could be separated from the other sections.

Service Decision

Parliamentary tacticians therefore urged further exploration of the question whether the suggested reduction in the length of compulsory service was practical. So the Chiefs of the three Services were instructed to weigh it all up. They worked solidly through that night and next day told the Defence Committee that a reduction to twelve months would be accepted if certain conditions could be assumed to operate. The first consideration was whether the need for overseas garrisons could be substantially reduced by the year 1950 when the Bill would come into full action. Secondly, it would be necessary for a considerable portion of the conscript's year of service to be spent abroad. Those were the main points put forward by the Army chiefs who take up sixty per cent of the Forces' intake. The Chiefs of the Navy and R.A.F. posed other difficulties about the virtual impossibility of training in one year conscripts to undertake the highly specialised technical branches. The Defence Committee saw no insuperable obstacles in any of these points and was

prepared to take a gamble of the possibility of sufficient easement of international relations to justify abolishing several of our existing foreign garrisons by 1950.

A favourable recommendation was therefore sent to the Cabinet which met the next day and Mr. Isaacs was authorised to release the news immediately.

Shrill Clamour

Parliament had, by this time, closed for Easter so nothing could be said in the Commons about this unexpected bombshell but the newspapers set up a shrill clamour at once and Mr. Churchill issued a terrible broadside in the form of the written statement from his Westminster home. He described the decision to reduce the period of service as "another example of the policy of scuttling before anything that looks difficult or fierce" and he hinted that although the Conservative Party had voted in support of the Government on the second-reading division, it would now have to consider withdrawing support from the remaining stages of the Bill.

It could really implement that threat, the Government's position might easily become perilous. Again the difficult Committee Stage of Bill is being negotiated but already there are signs that the healing of the Labour Party split may be followed by the opening of a Conservative Party split. A number of members of the Opposition have already made it reasonably clear they do not approve of the new line Mr. Churchill is taking and Mr. A. V. Alexander (Minister of Defence) has already stepped in with a useful speech at the annual meeting of the Conservative Party at Llandudno when he drove home the following series of denials and statements. He said that there was no official tie-up between Britain and America likely to operate against Russia; that the Government is not contemplating war against any particular country; that the Government is not contemplating an indefinite reduction in our Armed Forces; that the National Service Bill is not the inevitable forerunner of industrial conscription; and that the Government is still basing its policy on supporting the United Nations Organisation.

So, at the moment, honours are even with the Government holding a slight advantage because everybody now knows its pledged policy and the interim period before the Commons can get down to tackling the subject in earnest will probably bring additional support from those who have all along been anxiously worried about the effects of the military service period in disturbing the career preparation of the nation's young men.

Murder
Confessor
Insane

Leeds, England, May 14.

The court which yesterday rejected a confession of murder made from the stand by a defence witness, Denis Wood, 19-year-old soldier, today declared Wood insane.

Wood startled the court on Monday by announcing from the witness stand that he, and not defendant Eric Briggs, committed the murder for which Briggs was on trial.

The court threw out Wood's confession and found Briggs guilty of murdering his wife. Briggs was sentenced to be hanged.

Wood was ordered to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.—United Press.



"Could I borrow your lipstick, Myrtle? With these high prices I don't seem to have room in my purse for any thing but money!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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THEY BURN YOUR
HANDS

"Hot Potato" is a term invented several decades ago, in the days of auction bridge, to describe the kind of deal which is bound to burn somebody's hands. Its distinguishing characteristic generally is the lack of fitting suits in the hands of either partnership. Because of that fact, neither side can find an apparently good suit for its trump. Add to that the additional feature that the remainder of any player's long suit are all stacked in one opponent's hand and punishment is guaranteed to anybody who winds up as the declarer.

S 8 2			
H 10 9			
D 10 6 5 4 2			
C 10 6 3			

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
1. 1 S	2. H	Pass	3 C
Pass	4 C	Pass	4 C
Dbl			
2. 1 S	2 C	Pass	2 C
2 H	Dbl	2 S	Dbl

This deal in a team of four match was a "hot potato" if there ever was one. The question of which side took the burning was decided by what amounted practically to an intangible. You would never guess, if you were kibitzing West, that the suit he selected for overcalling with his freak would have such an influence. But that is just what developed.

Where West selected hearts for his overall, the bidding not only got too high for South to rob, but also appropriated the suit he would have called. So East and West were stuck with it, and went down four tricks doubled—cost 700 points. West, of course, might have saved most of that by shifting to 4-Hearts.

Where West picked clubs for the overall, the bidding reached South at a low enough stage for his rebid and also made it possible for him to bid hearts. Notice how pleased West was with that. North of course properly shifted then to spades, which pleased East. How much did that get set? Exactly the same as the set at the other table—four tricks, costing 700 points, so that the hand was tied by the two teams. South got only four tricks at 2-Spades—the spade A and K, A of clubs and 10 of diamonds, due to the vagaries of the play that developed.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K J 10 9 6 5 3			
H 8 6 5 4			
D Q			
C None			

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)
Following East's 1-Club, West's 1-Heart, North's 1-Spade and East's 4-Hearts, what bidding should ensue?

NARVIK TRAITOR
SENTENCED

Oslo, May 15.

Colonel Konrad Sundlo, known to the Norwegians as the "traitor of Narvik," has been sentenced to life imprisonment by a Norwegian military court following a conviction on charges of collaborating with the enemy.

Sundlo was in command of the Norwegian forces in the vicinity of the Arctic port of Narvik when the Germans invaded Norway on April, 1940. He was accused of surrendering to the invaders and disregarding orders from the General Staff to fight to the end.—Associated Press.

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EVATT BLAMES COMMUNISTS

Soviet Inspiration Behind Threatened Building Unions' "Black Ban"

Cunningham Deplores At-Bombs

Leeds, May 14.

Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham, First Sea Lord at the time of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, said today that he had always regretted the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan.

Lord Cunningham conceded that the bombs perhaps shortened the war by "two or three months," but said he was convinced that Japan would have surrendered unconditionally anyway within a very short time.

"The result of the dropping of these bombs on Japan," he said, "has been that the incalculable benefit which atomic energy may confer upon mankind for the ordinary man has been obscured by the possibility of its use as a weapon."

Admiral Cunningham, who stepped down as First Sea Lord in June, 1946, spoke on the occasion of his being awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Leeds University. He acknowledged the bomb as the greatest achievement of science during the war, but said military people "had not much cause for satisfaction that atomic energy was produced as a weapon."

"Appalling"

He said he did not "entirely hold the view that war under atomic conditions would necessarily mean the end of civilization, but under continual threat of a sudden atomic attack, even if there is no war, the possibility of atomic attack is perfectly appalling."

He said that although he had hoped the bomb would be outlawed, "the outlook at the moment is distinctly unpromising."—United Press.

War Brides Facing Deportation

Honolulu, May 14.

War brides of two Honolulu veterans faced deportation today because they lacked the required racial mixture of 51 per cent from "eligible" races.

Robert Hogan, deputy Territorial Attorney General, for Veterans' Affairs, said both cases have been called to the attention of the Territorial Government, and of delegate Joseph Farrington, who is pushing legislation to liberalize the immigration laws which ban most Asiatic and Pacific Island races from United States citizenship.

Hogan said immigration officers ruled Mrs. Gilbert Diaz, 18, mother of a two-weeks old son, and Mrs. William White, 24, both must leave.

Mrs. Diaz, a native of the Fiji Islands, is one-quarter British and the remainder Polynesian. She was a Government typist in Fiji during the war.

Mrs. White, a native of Samoa and half British and half Samoan, has been a resident of Auckland, New Zealand, since she was 12 years old. Both met their husbands while the latter served overseas as Army other ranks.—United Press.

Red Scare Now In Australia?

Canberra, May 13.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister of External Affairs, told the executive of the Australian Labour Party that "a source outside Australia" was conducting what amounted to political warfare against the Commonwealth.

He called upon the Labour movement to fight it unflinchingly. "Union threats to blacklist the rocket experiments were planned and directed by an 'enemy identifiable' source outside Australia," he said.

"The Party must declare its uncompromising hostility to groups which have been sabotaging Australian economy and are now seeking to attack in the interests of a foreign power, the British-Australian experiments for the defensive use of rocket projectiles," he concluded.—Reuter.

Rocket Test Range Opposition

Canberra, May 14.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, when he addressed delegates of the Australia Labour Party Executive last night, left them in no doubt that Soviet inspiration is behind the threatened "black ban" by building unions on the project for a rocket test range in Australia.

Dr. Evatt told the conference: "The Communists have developed the technique of using unions to declare war on the Government's constituted authority. This cannot be tolerated."

Dr. Evatt added that the fact that Australia's defence as well as the British Empire defence was involved made it a matter of the highest possible concern.

The Executive President, who is an Englishman, Mr. McAlpine, said: "The Executive is completely at one with the Government in this matter." As a result of Dr. Evatt's revelation of Soviet inspiration behind the proposed ban on work on the rocket range, the Labour Party Federal Executive decided to declare war on the Communist Party's influence in the Trade Union movement.

The delegates forecast dramatic legal action by the Government if the Communists persist in the black ban.

The Communists officially disavow responsibility for the ban but labour delegates are not impressed. The war is to be carried by the Labour Government right into the Communist camp, in its desire to root out Communist influence.

Later, Dr. Evatt informed the House of Representatives:

"I have told the Australian Labour Party Executive that my opinion is that the objection to building a rocket range is not the concern for aborigines; it is part of a plan to prevent the project being operated at all."

"I said that the pamphlet circulated in Australia by the Communist Party clearly showed objection to the defence proposals. This is a very serious matter."

"The Communist pamphlet completely misstated the Government's view. The rocket range project is not directed to any aggressive action by Australia but is simply for the defence of the British Commonwealth. The criticism of the building of the range is not justified."

The Australian Labour Party Executive passed a resolution stating that they congratulated Dr. Evatt "on the firm stand by Government against the rocket range black ban threat."

"It is an apparent propaganda of the Communists and is for the sole purpose of defeating Australia's defence policy in the interests of a foreign power."—Reuter.

London, May 14.

Exchange Telegraph reports from Lisbon that Arthur Neive, chief of the Brazilian emigration delegation, left for Rio de Janeiro today after selecting 5,000 displaced Europeans for admission to Brazil.—United Press.

German Air Losses Over Britain, 1940

London, May 15.

The Government scaled down on Wednesday the estimates of German air losses in the battle of Britain but declared that the revised figures did not detract from the glory of the Royal Air Force victory.

Between July 10, 1940, when the action began, and October 31, 1940, when the Germans broke it off, the R.A.F. had estimated that 2,692 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

German records, the Secretary of State for Air, Philip Noel-Baker, told the House of Commons showed, in fact that 2,876 enemy aircraft had been put out of action. Of that number, 1,733 were destroyed and 643 damaged.

"This retrospective correction of claims which were honestly put forward," Noel-Baker declared, "does nothing to diminish the achievements or to dim the glory of the men who fought so bravely against great odds."

Noel-Baker quoted a confidential letter by the Chief of the German General Staff in Novem-

U.S. Army's Brains Trust

Washington, May 13.

General Eisenhower today announced the creation of a "superblitz board" of three outstanding young officers, who will advise the U.S. Army in its planning for warfare in the atomic age.

The Army Chief of Staff told a press conference that he had picked three officers from the Army ground and Air Forces to explore new military ways opened up by the development of atomic energy and to give him "educated" guidance on what war will be like 25 years from now.—United Press.

ITALIAN MISSION IN U.S.

New York, May 13.

An Italian Mission, headed by Signor Lombardo, arrived in Washington today for a series of important conferences with United States economists on financial matters. The Mission, which has come primarily to negotiate a trade agreement aimed at bettering imports and exports between Italy and the United States, will also attempt to iron out financial questions left unsolved by the Italian peace treaty.—Reuter.

FOOD CRISIS IN W. GERMANY

London, May 14.

Britain's five top administrators in Germany, at a two-hour conference today gave the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, an up-to-date report on the food crisis in Western Germany and their recommendations for overcoming it.

London newspapers speculated that the conference might lead Britain to send an appeal to the United States to push emergency grain shipments to Western Germany.

The Foreign Office spokesman, who attended the conference, said Mr. Bevin probably would review results in broad outline in his speech in the House of Commons on Germany and the Moscow conference. Until then, the spokesman said, nothing would be disclosed regarding the results of the meeting.

He described the German food crisis as "very gloomy" and a "difficult situation."

Most British morning newspapers briefly quoted officials in Anglo-American food head-

quarters in Stuttgart as attributing the crisis in part to the failure of United States food shipments to come up to Washington's promises.

One official was quoted as saying that 70 per cent of the blame could be attached to this failure and 30 per cent to the failure of German farmers to deliver up their quota of crops.

All newspapers subordinated the Stuttgart quotations to the London conference on the food problem. Only one newspaper—the "News Chronicle"—put even a sub-headline on the dispatch and that paper ran beside it another dispatch from New York headlined: "In America: 'We were misled'."

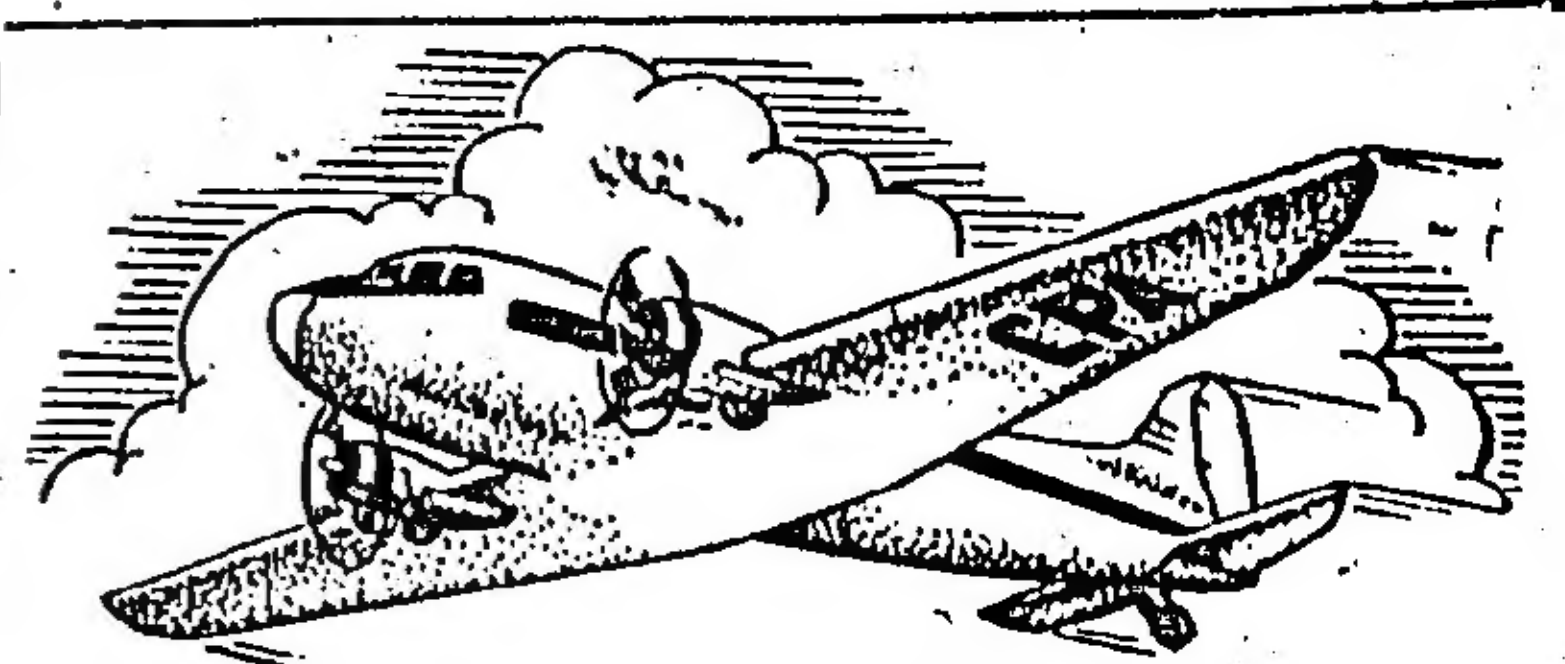
None commented editorially. The "Daily Worker" (Communist) said rich Bavarian farmers in the American zone were feeding supplies to pigs, cattle and farm dogs, while the British zone was starving.

"And the Bavarian Government—secure in the patronage of the State Department and the Catholic Church—goes on solemnly declaring it cannot fulfill its bitter and other quotas for delivery to other districts of the West," the "Daily Worker" said.

"Bavaria is only a particularly glaring example of what is happening everywhere in the rich rural district. That is the picture after months of Anglo-American 'bi-zonal' activity."—United Press.

Palermo, May 14.

Charles "Lucky" Luciano, one-time United States vice king, twice forced to return to his native land by foreign authorities, was given full freedom by the Sicilian police to night with the warning: "Behave yourself."—United Press.



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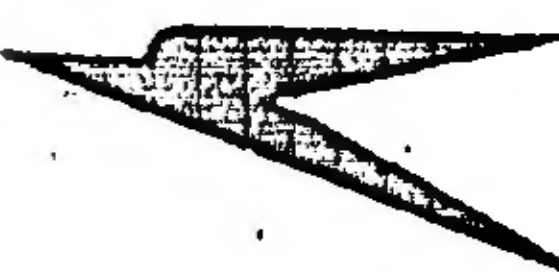
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TRUMAN'S "FREE ENTERPRISE" PHILOSOPHY ON TEST

Washington, May 14.

President Truman's economic programme of "free and competitive enterprise" faces a sharp test in the next three months, with his political fortune likely to be influenced by the volume of national industrial production in a period of labour unrest.

The "free enterprise" philosophy, which has been widely promulgated since the Republicans won the congressional elections last November, has emphasised the idea that high production, with abundant supplies of marketable merchandise, would gradually correct the upward trend of the general price level and thus bring a relative stability in labour-management relations.

Industrial peace and expanding production over the year-end inspired optimism concerning the future trend of national business which recently has been impaired by 1. the upward trend of the cost of living; 2. a coal industry "safety shutdown" and telephone strikes; and 3. uneasiness concerning the labour situation in the steel industry, where labour-management relations will arrive at a critical stage shortly.

The Office of Price Controls and the Civilian Production Administration are in process of liquidation, with remaining functions soon to be absorbed by other governmental agencies. The Government already has abdicated much of its wartime authority for the "control" of the nation's business, and President Truman has called on

business to support "free enterprise" by price cuts. The United States demonstrated a tremendous capacity for industrial capacity in wartime, and the public looks to industry to accomplish similar feats in peacetime. In the years of Roosevelt's "New Deal," the economic effort was chiefly to expand purchasing power, but at present the transference of interest of the economic effort is in the production situation.

Corrective

With the Government increasingly "out of business," the relation of supply and demand in the free play of the market is the chief determinant of prices, and expanding production is conceived to be the chief corrective in the upward trend of the price level.

President Truman in his Jefferson Day address defended the system of free and competitive economy as follows: "In so far as we insure that each individual has the opportunity and inducement to make the largest contribution he can to this country's total production, we not only strengthen our nation against any possible encroachments, but we also set an example to all other peoples of the desirability of free government in the economic as well as the political sense."

The "Survey of Current Busi-

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London, May 14.

An increase of 1½d per gallon in the price of petrol in Britain was announced today, bringing the retail price to 20½d per gallon. The price of diesel oil is also increased by ½d per gallon, paraffin by 1d per gallon, and kerosene by 1d per gallon. The cost of white spirit is increased by 1½d per gallon. The price of bitumen is increased by 9/- per ton.—Reuter.

The wholesale price index (with 1926 prices as 100) stood at 105.7 on VJ Day, August 1945; at 124.7 in July 1946; and at 141.5 in January 1947. From June 1946 to January 1947, wholesale prices on average increased 25 per cent while consumer goods rose 15 per cent.

Short Supplies

"A basic factor contributing to the upward price movement has been the short supplies of many goods relative to demand, partly because the flow of finished goods has been low relative to the total production as a result of considerable adjustments to inventories. Output has not yet been balanced, nor have recent additions to capacity been fully reflected in the flow of goods, but progress is evident in the steadily rising movement of finished goods through trade channels."

Despite the uneasiness caused by industrial unrest, the latest statistics indicate many basic improvements in the production situation.—United Press.

Deflation Plan In Portugal

Lisbon, May 14.

The first sharp attack in the Government's offensive against the rising cost of living has been announced by Economy Minister Daniel Vieira Barbosa, who told a press conference of the new steps to create a "psychology" of deflation.

"All requests to increase costs of consumer goods are refused automatically," he said. The only price revision considered is for decreases. Orders looking toward a general revision downward have been issued. They almost certainly will cause considerable business hardship at first.

"I am sure that the nation shortly will be convinced of the effectiveness of these measures. I intend to create a 'psychology' of price decreases, which I hope will pervade our entire economic life."

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N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 15.
New lows for the year were established despite recurrent comeback attempts. The Associated Press averages declined 2 to 60.3—the lowest since last October 9. Shares totalling 1,050,000. Traders were concerned by reports of increased consumer resistance to prices, inventory situations and the trend of foreign relations.

After touching new lows for the year, Baltimore and Ohio closed at 9, Pfizer at 38½, Packard at 5½, New York Central, Pennsylvania and Schenley also hit the bottom. Good income reports saw International Paper at 41½ and Hudson Motor at 14½.

The Dow Jones averages:—Stocks 58.38; 20 Industrials 106.08; 15 Rails 43.07; 10 Utilities 33.34.

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London Stock Market

London, May 14.
The behaviour of the industrial market was the most encouraging feature at the opening of the new three weekly account covering the Whitsun holiday.

Support from the provinces was largely responsible for this upward movement which embraced buildings and breweries and a wide selection of miscellaneous issues.

British funds, while showing gains up to ½, spent a quiet day, the rises being attributed to numerous small orders finding supplies none too plentiful. Oil shares which went ahead sharply at first failed to maintain the pace and at the close were ragged, while the mining markets could boast of little activity.

South African gold shares held fairly steady but copper were dull. Tea and rubbers generally moved against holders. Foreign bonds were practically featureless and there was little outstanding in the foreign rail section.—Reuter.

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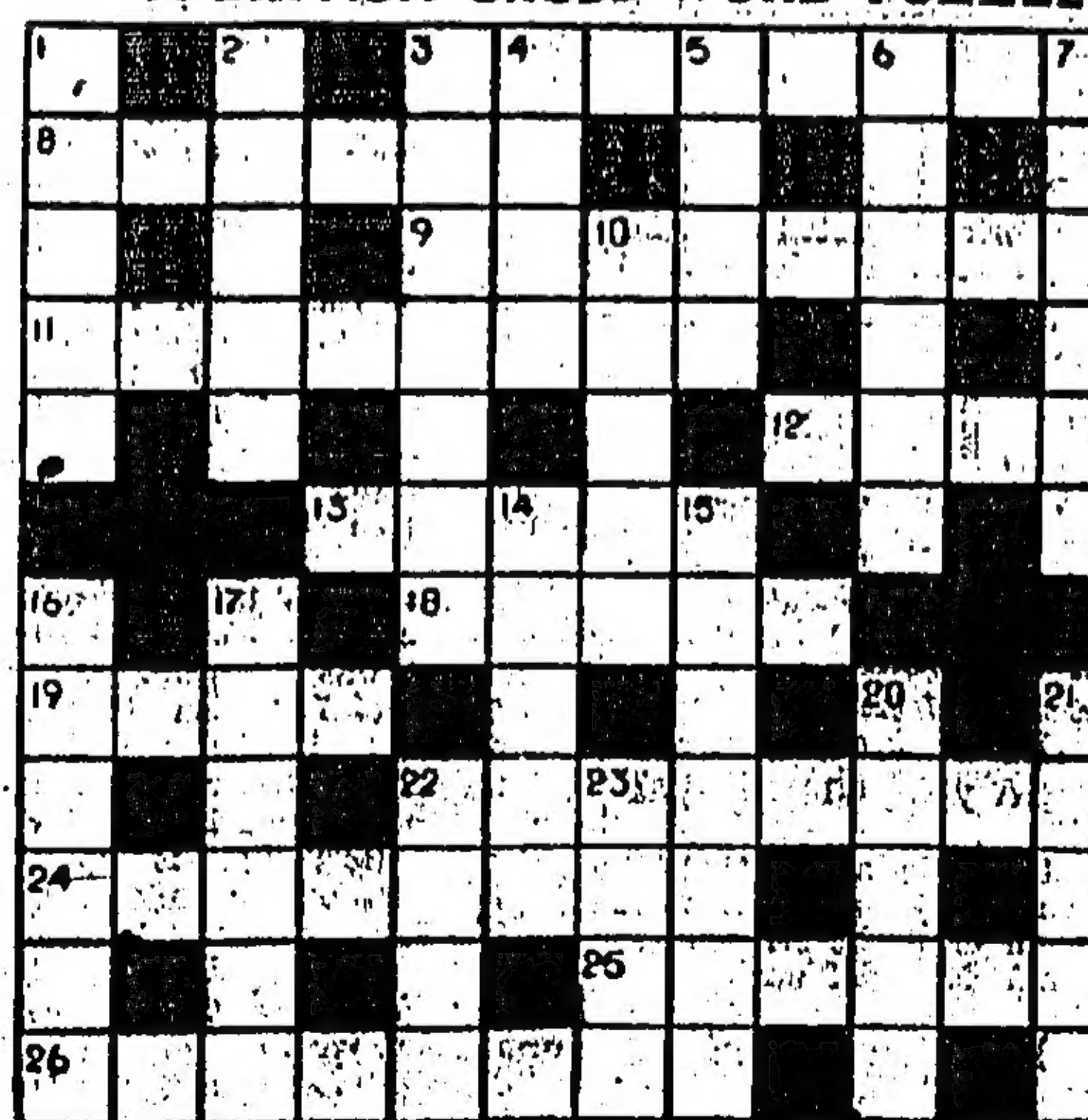
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Singapore's New BodyLondon, May 14.
The British Government "have given careful consideration" to the report of the Committee appointed by the Governor of Singapore in April 1946 to consider the question of a Legislative Council for the Colony of Singapore, also to the Governor's own recommendations, it was announced in the House of Commons today.

The statement was in the form of a written reply to a question by Mr. David Rees Williams, Labour Member.

In his reply, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said that the following principal decisions have now been reached:

1. The Council will have an official majority. There will be four ex-officio members and five nominated official members.

2. On the unofficial side there will be nine elected members; six of these will be elected by a popular ballot of registered voters (British subjects over the age of 21, without property or literacy stipulations).

3. For this purpose the Island of Singapore will be divided into four electoral districts, two urban districts each returning two members and two rural districts each returning one member. The remaining three elected members will be elected by the chambers of commerce.

4. In addition the Governor will have discretion to select not more than four nominated unofficial members.

The Singapore Order-in-Council of 1946 provides for a maximum of two such members, but since the communal basis for elections to the council has been rejected, it is necessary to increase this maximum in the interests of any section of the community who might otherwise have been represented inadequately or not at all.

These decisions have been published locally and the Council will have to be set up as soon as possible.—Reuter.

The story was printed only in the first edition and withdrawn without explanation. At the same time the British Press Association's court correspondent reported that the princess had no intention of setting up an independent household—Elizabeth's coming of age celebrations will mean an enlargement of her personal freedom generally and it was stated authoritatively weeks ago that her apartments in Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle would be enlarged in keeping with her new responsibilities.

All else, in the official view, is set down to what is described as an inevitable flood of rumours following the celebration of her 21st birthday.—Associated Press.

TAIWAN'S DEFENCEShanghai, May 14.
The security of Taiwan is of national importance and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will surely take steps to meet the situation, General Fu Tso-yi, regarded as one of the Government's most able field commanders, told reporters on arrival in Taiwan to aid in the defence of the threatened Shansi provincial capital.

He expressed confidence that the Communist attempt to capture the city would be frustrated.—Reuter.

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40a, Bonham Street, W. 2127-2128**Korean Discussions To Begin Again**Washington, May 13.
The Secretary of State, General George Marshall, is instructing the United States commander in Korea to make immediate preparations for the reconvening of the United States-Soviet Commission at Seoul in an effort to arrive at a basis for the unification of Korea.

According to a State Department announcement tonight, Marshall notified the Soviet Foreign Minister, Molotov of this in a message given to him today by the United States Embassy in Moscow.

Marshall accepted Molotov's assurances on the Korean situation, and agreed to resume Soviet-American negotiations on May 20 aimed at the establishment of a unified provisional government for all Korea.

Marshall acknowledged Molotov's letter of May 7, in which it was confirmed that the United States and Russia had agreed on the basis on which the Commission would resume its work.

Marshall expresses pleasure that the Soviet Government had agreed to reconvening the Commission on the United States proposals, the most important of which was that the Commission should consult with all the democratic parties and organisations in Korea on the formation of a provisional Korean Government.—Reuter.

Wool Tariff Reductions DeadlockGeneva, May 14.
The deadlock between the United States and Australia on negotiations for wool tariff reductions today forced the Australian delegate, Mr. Herbert Coombs, to return home for urgent consultations.

Mr. William L. Clayton, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, is scheduled to leave Geneva for Washington on Saturday night. An American source said Mr. Clayton, in his two-week visit, would seek Secretary of State Marshall's advice on the Australian demand for greater tariff cuts.

Meanwhile, other tariff negotiations at the Trade and Employment Conference are reported progressing better than originally expected.

The United States led in a number of tariff discussions already under way, including 11 meetings with Canada; five with the United Kingdom; two each with Brazil, Czechoslovakia, India, Norway, Lebanon and Syria; and one each with China, Cuba and the Netherlands-Belgium-Luxembourg customs union. Brazil has held one meeting each with China, Cuba and Norway and has scheduled meetings this week with Canada, France and the United Kingdom. Chile and Cuba are scheduled to submit request lists this week to several conference participants.—United Press.

DAKOTA'S CRASH LANDINGGlasgow, May 14.
A British European Airways Dakota made a crash landing at the naval airfield near Glasgow late today.

None of the passengers were hurt and the plane was undamaged.

The pilot found a landing gear fault as he was coming in at Renfrew for a landing and circled for an hour to lighten his fuel load. He then made a successful emergency landing, using the crash gear to operate his undercarriage.—United Press.

NO ALIBISParis, May 13.
Alex Jany, French freestyle swimming champion, who arrived back here today from the United States, had no alibis for his consistent defeat there by United States swimmers and the Swedish champion, Glat Olson.

"They were better than I was, that's all," he said, "I found the pools were shorter and more shallow than those I have been used to in France, which made it more difficult for my turns."—Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTSSeattle, May 15.
The "Robert Broussard" arrived from Yokohama; the "Sommerville" from Hongkong.—Associated Press.San Francisco, May 15.
The "President Pierce" called on May 13 for Manila.—Associated Press.**Shipping List****In Port**

Alexandre de Rhodes (Mex. Mar.)	B.23
Agatha (U. & S.)	L.C.K.
Amloch (Wallem)	Yamut
Bela (Thoresen)	R.4
Bist	Rin. Wfr.
Corion (A.P.C.)	Kin. Wfr.
Chungking (U. & S.)	R.4, P.6
Edith Muller	do.
Empire Athelstan (Mac. Mac.)	A.13
Empire Fraser (Jardine)	B.C.
Empire Dirk	Kin. Wfr.
Empire Labrador (Wittmann)	Shumshulpo
Empire Mountain (Moller)	Kin. Wfr.
Empire Torn (Gillman)	do.
Frangm (A.P.C.)	North P.
Gallia (A.P.C.)	Kin. Wfr.
Grete Marek (Jebert)	do.
Hanyang (U. & S.)	do.
Hal Ten (Douglas)	Douglas Wfr.
Heinrich Josen (Bank Line)	Kin. Wfr.
Hla (Ta Hing)	R.16
Inchwell	Kin. Wfr.
Kentworth	Shumshulpo
Kina (East Asiatic)	A.19
King Neptune (Doddwell)	B.19
Kinlella (A.P.C.)	North P.
Kwong (U. & S.)	B.19
Lady Wolmer	B.C.
Ma Raton	Yamut
Manchuria (East Asiatic)	do.
Marquesa (U. & S.)	Talko Dk.
Marylock (Wallem)	do.
Medhat (U. China)	A.17
Med Nam (Seonyu)	Lachok
Med Ping (Seonyu)	do.
Melton (U. & S.)	7
Mel Shon (Seonyu)	do.
Mia Chih (Bank Line)	Talko Dk.
Mia Jen (Gillman)	Yamut
Nelure (U. & S.)	Mackie Wfr.
Neuchwang (U. & S.)	A.1
Noreg (Doddwell)	Talko Dk.
Panama (Wallem)	Stunepore
Ping Wo (Jardine)	Crown Dk.
Pirelock (Wallem)	Yamut
Pres. Grant (A.P.C.)	do.
Sally Marek (Jebert)	Kin. Wfr.
Shantung (U. & S.)	do.
Sichuan (U. & S.)	B.4
Samayon (Doddwell)	North P.
Sandak (Doddwell)	A.9
San Rafael	Talko Dk.
Silver Walnut (J.C.L.)	Kin. Wfr.
Singkong (U. & S.)	B.4
Slimmwood (Thoresen)	Kin. Wfr.
Tal Shon (Seonyu)	do.
Tal Shon Peak	Yamut
Shenking (U. & S.)	Qat. Wfr.
Teberberg (J.C.L.)	Talko Dk.
Telling (U. & S.)	B.4
Tilla (U. & S.)	Talko Dk.
Vanderbilt Victory (A.P.C.)	A.11
Wah Chung (U. China)	B.21
Wen Hing (Jardine)	Ym.
Wing Sang (Jardine)	Kin. Wfr.
Wingung (U. & S.)	Kin. Wfr.
Yan Tai (C. Mer.)	Kin. Wfr.
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ARRIVALS Yesterday

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Shantung (U. & S.)	B.4
Tal Shon (Seonyu)	B.12
Empire Athelstan (Mac. Mac.)	A.13
Sally Marek (Jebert)	Kin. Wfr.
Empire Fraser (Jardine)	B.C.
Pres. Grant (A.P.C.)	do.
Alexandre de Rhodes	B.23

EXPECTED ARRIVALS

16.8 Strathnaver	U.S.A.
Tal Shon	U.S.A.
Tal Shon	U.S.A.
Hermund	U.S.A.
Van Houta	U.S.A.
Capital Victory	U.S.A.
17.0 Drew Victory	U.S.A.
Manchuria	U.S.A.

DEPARTURES Yesterday

Empire Park	Swallow
Empire Athelstan	Salmon
Helikon	Salmon
Sing Hing	Poochow
Macau	Tamkang
Toucheke	Sus
Jarmateli	Yokohama
Fukien	Singapore
Honan	Tamkang

EXPECTED DEPARTURES

16.8 Agatha	Mirl
Kina	Manila
Tilla	Singapore
Melore	Shanghai

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Holbow and Pakhol	10 a.m.
Halphong, Noon	
Swatow, Saigon and Bangkok	Noon.
Canton (By Train)	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, 2 p.m.	
Manila, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcel for Canada, Europe, G.P.O. and Reg.)	1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 1.37 p.m.
G.P.O. (Par. and Reg.)	1.40 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Batavia, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via London	2 p.m.
Keweenaw C.P.O. (Par. and Reg.)	2 p.m.
(Ord.) 2.30 p.m. G.P.O. (Par. and Reg.)	2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Tamkang (Kwongchowwan)	4 p.m.
Macau, Tientsin and Bangkok	4 p.m.
Canton (By Train)	5 p.m.
Almarr for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Haara, Cairo, Johannesburg, Australia, Melbourne, London, New York and Canada, Keweenaw C.P.O. (Reg.)	5 p.m.
(Ord.) 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. (Reg.)	5 p.m.
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(Ord.) 5.30 p.m.	
Almarr for Paris (only), (Reg.)	5 p.m.
(Ord.) 5.30 p.m.	
Almarr for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Harbin, Tientsin and Peking, Almarr for Chungking, (Reg.)	5 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.
Almarr for Canton and Hanoi; Almarr for Kuning, (Reg.)	5 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.	
Canton (By Train)	1.30 p.m.
Amoy, 3 p.m.	
Shanghai, 3 p.m.	
Macau, Tientsin and Bangkok, 4 p.m.	
Ratelle, 4 p.m.	
Canton, 5 p.m.	
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(Ord.) 5.30 p.m.	

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Almarr for Shanghai and Peking; Almarr for Canton and Tientsin; Almarr for Amoy and Bangkok, (Reg.)	8 p.m. 10 p.m.
(Ord.) 10 a.m.	
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S.S. "WOSANG"	to Straits & Calcutta 4 p.m. 6th June
S.S. "TINGSANG"	to Shanghai 9th June
S.S. "ESANG"	to Singapore & Penang 14th June

ARRIVALS

S.S. "WOSANG"	From Straits, Silu & Sandakan 21st May
S.S. "ESANG"	from Straits & Calcutta 24th May
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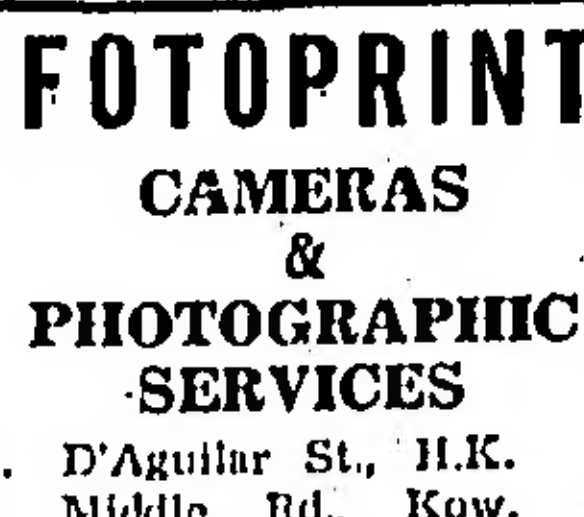
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London, May 15.
Intimation just made by the Admiralty is certain to conjure up many memories with old "China hands." It is that H.M.S. "Hawking" is to be used as a target ship.

This man, however, after 1917, became the flagship of the China Squadron, and to this honorable record in the Far East she has added good service in the Second World War.

In her old age, she is not simply passing ignominiously to the breaker's yard. Instead, she will do still another bit towards the defense of "our island."

For she is to be subjected to bombing experiments by naval aviators. These are to take place this month.—L. P. S.

London, May 13.

Milk roundsmen of the London Co-operative Society's eastern section today continued their unofficial strike, but union leaders were considering reports from other areas that "a small trickle back" was starting.

The main body on strike, numbering about 900, however, were still out, and the stoppage now affected some 600,000 customers.

The strike started over the weekend when 500 roundsmen refused to accept an arbitration award when a "bad" claimed would mean, by commission and justness, a weekly loss in some cases of 30 shillings.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary

12.32 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

12.47 p.m.—The Ink Bots.

1.05 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.16 p.m.—Hole de Costa Memories.

1.30 p.m.—News, Weather, Singapore (Radio) and "The Buddy" (Soprano) and the Albert Bender Trio.

2.00 p.m.—Chor. Dion.

2.50 p.m.—Victor Victor, Billie's Billions, Orchestral and Mild-salts (Vocal).

3.46 p.m.—Marcel Palotti at the Organ.

4.00 p.m.—Buffalo: "You Askel For It"—Variety Request Programme arranged by the Public.

4.52 p.m.—London Belay: World News.

5.10 p.m.—London Belay: Home News from Britain.

5.16 p.m.—London Belay: Farewell Speech by H.E. The Governor, Sir Mark Young, C.M.G.

5.23 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Services: "Welcome to the Stars."

5.40 p.m.—Variety.

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5.50 p.m.—British Two Piano Recital by the British Broadcasting Corp. Choir.

6.00 p.m.—London Belay: News.

6.10 p.m.—(Polish) "Roméo and Juliette" (Drama, Boston Embroidery).

7.04 p.m.—Variety "Ragtime"—By the Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Milan.

7.15 p.m.—Chor. Dion.

Shanghai, May 15.

Mayor K. C. Wu, who is busily trying to corral demonstrating students, missed a man calling at his office who left a card bearing the title "World Leader and concurrently Commander-in-Chief of the world's naval, land and air forces, God, I am flags of all nations, flags of all armed forces in the world, national flag, party flag and school flag of the Whangpang Military Academy; inventor of rail communications and electric lights in preface; graduate of the infantry course of the 15th commencement of the Central Military Academy,"

A protest on the curb was induced by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Madame Sun Yat-sen, President Roosevelt, President Ling Sen and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The man's name was Wang Ching-kang or the Custodian of the Yellow Gold—United Press.

Today, the 2nd Battalion The Buffs will celebrate their regimental day, Albufera Day. It was on the battlefield of Albufera in the bitter fighting against the French in the Peninsular War that the Colours of the regiment were saved by the action of an officer who, although severely wounded, wrapped them about his body and so kept them from capture by the enemy.

Today the Buffs will keep the anniversary with a battalion Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill. Events will include throwing the discus, tug o' war, relay races, high jump, throwing the javelin, and other items.

In the evening a dance is being held in the Canteen at Stanley and a concert is also being given both there and at Murray Barracks.

The following events will take place during the morning

Rome, May 14.
Firemen and first aid crews recovered 20 charred bodies from the explosion-wrecked and fire-gutted Minerva Film Company by 10.45 tonight and said it was feared a "small number of victims" still remained in the debris.

The known death toll was brought to 25 by the recovery of a group of 12 blasted and burned bodies from a fourth-floor section, which had been a filing room for inflammable cellulose movie films.

From the bits of carbonized clothing, it is believed the victims comprised equal numbers of men and women.

The last two bodies carried from the filing section were locked in an embrace.

The firemen said they expected to search the debris throughout the night for further victims because company officials and police had been unable to reach a certain figure on the number of employees in the building when the explosion occurred.

The fire, which had raged through the gutted ruins and rubble of the building since 6.45 p.m., was brought under control at 10 p.m. and put out shortly afterwards when rain began to fall.

Because of the low pressure firemen could be seen dribbling tiny trickles of water from their hoses as they clung to ladders 50 feet in the air. Water was finally moved to the scene in city sprinklers and then sprayed on the fire with booster pumps.—United Press.

Churchill Gives It A Name

Ayr, May 15.
Britain's wartime Premier, Mr. Winston Churchill, in a speech accepting the freedom of Ayr today gave his nomination for a name for World War II the "Unnecessary War."
He said the late President Roosevelt asked him in 1941 what the war should be called. "I said to him I could give you a very easy reply," Churchill said. "I would call it the unnecessary war. It would have been perfectly easy to prevent Germany from rearming in 1936, and indeed up to the end of 1936, without firing a shot."
Churchill also warned against "those who wish to divide the country" but even his audience was divided.
None of the eight Labour members of the Ayr Town Council attended the ceremony, although the Labour spokesman said the Party issued no boycott.
"The members decided to divide itself not to attend - some for Party reasons and others because of business engagements," the spokesman said.
The Labour Councilmen objected to the freedom ceremony on the grounds that Churchill came to Ayr on "political business, to attend the Scottish unionists conference.—United Press."

Gold yesterday fluctuated between \$201.75 and \$204 a troy ounce. It opened at \$263 and closed at the same rate. Trading was limited.

Pinsters dropped to \$12.40 a 100 shortly after opening at \$12.57 but recovered and rose to \$12.77. At the close it was \$12.95.

Chinese National Currency was weaker. Futures dropped to 14 cents shortly after opening at 15½ cents and closed slightly better at 14½ cents (for CN\$1,000). Spot opened at 20 cents and closed at 19½ cents.

U.S. dollars were steady at \$4.64. Sterling weakened to \$14.25; and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.52.

Moscow, May 15.
Commenting on last Saturday's football match between Great Britain and the Rest of Europe, "Pravda" says that Britain "gained a cheap victory over a weak opponent."
The commentator said that the Rest of Europe team was made up mostly of Swedes and Danes "who cannot lay any special claim" to football supremacy in comparison with other nations. This victory, "Pravda" asserted, "will bring no glory to British football."
Associated Press.

Dublin, May 14.

Mr. Y. K. Kilpatrick's Grand Weather, starting at three to one, won the Irish Two Thousand Guineas run over one mile at Curragh here to-day.

Grand Weather, who is by Dash out of Morning Dew, has beaten Sans Tache, five to two second favourite, by five lengths, with the only English challenger, placed to the four favourite: After Midnight, at another two and a half lengths away.

There were eight starters and the winner was ridden by Tommy Hurus—Boulton.

Bangkok, May 14.

K. Lueder, Regional Director for Asia of the Pan American Airways, who arrived here today, establish his headquarters, said that Bangkok was chosen for the headquarters owing to its strategic position on the aerial crossroads.

The Pan-American flights, in addition to the current Honolulu-Australia-Manilla flights, he said, are certified to link up the United States, Tokyo, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Rangoon and Calcutta-Reuters.

Shanghai, May 15. In the last of their series of matches, the Hong Kong Inter-
port footballers today took part
in a combined Hong Kong and
Shanghai Chinese side against
a Hong Kong and Shanghai
foreigners team.

The Chinese players, of which
seven were from Hong Kong,
won the tussle by three goals
to two after leading two-one
at half time.

For the Shanghai-Hong Kong
foreigners, four of the southern
port's importers took part in
the game.—Reuter

Baar'n (Holland), May 14.

Spain's A. Pomar today lost the adjourned fifth round of the chess match to Belgian P. de Vos, but defeated G. van Doornburgh of Holland in Group A of the sixth round of the international chess tourney.

Results of other fifth round matches adjourned from yesterday were:—H. Golombek of England defeated L. Prins of Holland; V. Soutabieff of Belgium tied with H. Grob of Switzerland; H. Wood of England defeated C. Doerner of Luxembourg; H. Kramer of Holland tied with G. Maroczy of Hungary.

Results of the sixth round matches were: Group A—P. de Vos (Belgium) defeated A. Vincken (Holland); G. Maroczy (Hungary) defeated Sir W. Steiner (England); Sir W. Steiner (England) tied with Thomas (England); V. Soutabieff (Holland) tied with H. Kramer (Holland). Group B—H. Grob (Switzerland) defeated Dr. G. Fontain (Holland); L. Prins (Holland) defeated V. Soutabieff (Belgium); Dr. L. Stemper of England tied H. Golombek (England); X. Tardieu (France) defeated Dr. H. van Steenis (Holland). Group C—H. Wood (England) defeated Snowisko-Borowski (France); Dr. E. Panjaard (Holland) defeated C. Doerner (Luxembourg); F. Inacker (Holland) defeated F. van der Vliet (Holland); T. de Jong (Holland) tied with Dunkelblum (Belgium).—United Press.

Newmarket, May 15.—Blue Train, the King's Derby candidate, won the mile and a quarter £1,000 added Newmarket stakes by four lengths on Wednesday, while Princess Elizabeth cheered from the stands. The favourite was 2 to 11 odds on favourite in a field of seven. His triumph gave England's champion jockey Gordon Richards his second successive victory of the day.

Major Harold Cazeys, 20 to 1, won the White Stakes at Newmarket, and Lord Roseberry's Coup Napoleon, also 20 to 1 in pre-race betting, was third by three lengths.

Blue Train has been second choice of Derby bettors at 7 to 1. The heavy favourite for the great race was Lord Roseberry's at 5 to 4.—Associated Press.

The following will represent the K.C.C. in a friendly game against the I.R.C. at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday at the K.C.C.:

W.J. Howard, W.G. Labrum, C. Downham, P.C. Goodwin (Skip), H. Clifton, L.G. Eastham, T. Lock, M.N. Rakusen (Skip), W.C. Hung, D. Hunt, J. Orm, E.C. Fincher (Skip), J. Chubb, J. Stevens, A.E. Quest, Joe Fraser (Skip).

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them are the bones of the skeleton.

They shouted slogans demanding an increase of living allowance and supporting the petitions made by the Central University professors for educational improvement.—Reuter.

Shanghai Strike

Shanghai, May 15.

While the labour front continued quiet today, the strike wave among students spread to three universities with some 5,000 students staying away from classes in support of their demands for reforms in the examination system and increased government subsidies to schools.

The institutions affected by the walkouts are the state-owned National Chiao Tung University, the American Baptist-supported University of Shanghai and the National Shanghai Mercantile College.

Local authorities today professed themselves completely puzzled by the strike of the Chinotung University students, whose demands, including the continuation of the marine, building and navigation courses on the school's curriculum, an increase in the teaching staff

Scarborough, May 14.

The cancerous aftermath of a war-scarred country was brought home to an audience of reform school principals today when the juvenile delinquent worker, Miss Margery Fry, declared that children who came through the blitz physically unscathed might be difficult subjects to deal with as they grow up.

London, May 14.

Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin said on Tuesday that Anglo-Soviet friendship would be strengthened "despite any intrigues of the reactionary forces who attempt to undermine this friendship."

Zarubin spoke at a public ceremony in the Soviet Embassy, after receiving a \$15,000 cheque from the wartime Joint Committee for Soviet Aid.

The presentation, the last planned before the committee

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